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Versace murdered in cold blood

Gay serial killer named as suspect in shooting at Miami mansion

FROM MICHAEL McDonough in miami and John Phillips in Rome

GIANNI VERSACE, the designer who dressed the world's so-called beautiful people with a flamboyant style straddling the boundary of bad taste, was shot dead on the stêos of his mansion in Miami

A white man in his mid-twenties pulled a pistol from a backpack and shot Versace twice as he was unlocking the gates to his art decohome on Ocean Drive after having breakfast in a nearby cafe.

The local police chief, Richard Berreto, said that the designer had been specifically targeted rather than the victim of a robbery, and detectives experienced in dealing with organised crime were called into the investigation.

Police will examine both Versace's personal life — he was well-known in the Miami homosexual community and was reported to bedying of Aids — and his business activities, which had been linked to organised crime although he always denied that.

.The FBI, which is helping with the murder investigation, is also looking into the possibility that a suspected serial killer, Andrew Cumanan, might have been the gunman. Cunanan is wanted for four killings in Minnesota, Illinois and New Jersey, with one of his victims a former homosexual lover.

wearing a white shirt, grey shorts and a baseball cap. Cunanan, 27, is 5ft 1012 in. -The man who shot Versace was

said to have sworn loudly in Italian before opening fire. As the designer, fell after the first shot, the killer shot him again in the back of the head. He then ran to a waiting car, believed to have been a taxi. Versace was taken to the Jackson

Memorial Hospital, where he was. pronounced dead, as police sealed the area around the white threestorey mansion overlooking the Atlantic Ocean — the only private residence on "Deco Drive". Hundreds of people gathered across the

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Gianni Versace was pronounced dead at a Miami hospital

police had marked with numbers. Witnesses to the shooting of As news of the killing spread, Versace said that his attacker was a Versace shops closed and tributes Wales, who was one of his clients, issued a statement saying that she was "devastated at the loss of a great and talented man".

Elizabeth Hurley, who shot to fame in "That Dress", a black gown held together with gold safety pins, said: "Gianni was a deaf friend and I am going to miss him horribly. He was massively talented and it's an appalling thing to have

happened."

Rellow designers, Giorgio Armani, Emmanual Ungaro, Mary Quant and Vivienne Westwood, all paid homage to Versace and to-night's grand finale of the Rome fashion festival on the Spanish

street to stare at the blood on the Steps may be cancelled as a mark and bullet casings which of respect. Armani said that Versace had rebuilt his life with vigour and energy after grave illness. "Gianni and a handful of Italian fashion all over the world. My reaction is one of revolt against such an unnatural and violent death, and also of profound pain."

The singer Elton John, who had expected Versace to join him on holiday in the south of France, said: "I am devastated to have lost one of my closest friends, who I loved so much. It is like a large part of my life has died with him."

Versace was born in Terggio Calabria, southern Italy, in December 1946. The son of a tailor, he began designing ready-to-wear clothes for Milan firms in 1972, going on to launch his first collec-tion under his own label six years

ater. He soon achieved fame with his flamboyant styles for both men and women and his vibrant fashion shows with blaring rock music, blaring floodlights and dancing

Apart from Diana, Princess of Wales, Miss Hurley, and Elton John, his client list included Demi Moore, Madonna, Rod Stewart, Jane Fonda, Prince, Boy George and Courtney Love.

As his success grew, he won a string of awards and opened stores around the world, including a fivestorey boutique in New Bond Street, London. He had recently converted a derelict Vanderbilt mansion on New York's Fifth Avenue into a six-storey emporium. His sister, Donatella, and elder brother, Santo, are both closely involved in the business and they

appealing for privacy after the up in the Mani Pulite — Clean Hands — crackdown on corruption in Italy in the early 1990s and Santo, the business manager, was convicted in May of bribing tax inspectors. Several prominent Italian fashion designers were impli-

cated in the case, but Gianni

issued a joint statement yesterday

Versace was not charged. There are still organised crime links with the rag trade in Italy and America - the Mafia was at one the killing of Maurizio Gucci in 1995 - butVersace always insisted that his business was completely above board. He received substantial damages from The Independent on Sunday in 1994 after it claimed that his £500 million a year turnover was linked to the Mafia and money laundering. The following year, however, he said: "They even say I am Malioso. That can hurt you. It can hurt your family values. But not any more, you have to say 'who cares?"

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Ministers volunteer for stay-at-home holidays

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY AND JAMES LANDALE

MEMBERS of the Cabinet are to spend part of their summer holidays in Britain this year in a gesture to the travel

industry.

After doing their patriotic duty with buckets and spades. the ministers will be allowed to go abroad for what many believe are the summer holidays they really prefer.

The Cabinet's decision to

take holidays at home is in line with the new priority given to tourism by Chris Smith's renamed Department of Culture, Media and Sport. A Government source insisted: "They didn't have to be

ordered. They all wanted to take breaks in Britain because it is such a marvellous holiday destination."

Quite how long they will stay in the United Kingdom is a most point. "Of course, they are allowed to go abroad to



Caribbean. If you're a Labour MP, you should turn over take advantage of the strong

pound like everybody else, said the source. They will all go on some sort of holiday in Britain, though." Tony Blair is expected to

Geoffrey Robinson, the Paymaster General, has a villa. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, will spend a holiday playing tennis with his friend Sarah Macauley in Cape Cod, on the northeast coast of America.

Mr Smith, a keen mountaineer, was the first MP to conquer the Munroes, all 280 Scottish peaks over 3,000ft. But he is suspected of wanting to return to his usual summer destination of Tuscany after a dutiful, well-publicised excursion somewhere in Britain. Ron Davies, the Welsh Sec-

retary, prefers Wales, and Frank Dobson, the Health Secretary, has taken a cottage in the North of England, while Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, is as familiar a sight in the New Forest as the ponies. British tourism employs 1.8 million people, generating £37

billion a vear. - MPs leave Westminster on return to Tuscany, where July 31, and return in October.

OFT criticises pension plans

The Office of Fair Trading called for a radical overhaul of pension provision, condemning the present system as expensive and inadequate. Publishing the results of a 10-month inquiry the Director-General, John Bridgeman, said that many personal pension plans represented poor value" with benefits frequently eroded by the high costs. Proposals for a newstyle low-cost personal pension were put forward by the

Legal fees attack

OFT which, it said, would

benefit from lower adminis-

tration charges Page 25

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1999 European elections

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

Britain will use PR for

TONY BLAIR has given the exception because voters are go ahead for proportional representation to be used for elections to the European Parliament in 1999. In a move that will delight

the Liberal Democrats and electoral reform campaigners Mr Blair has put aside his personal scepticism about PR and authorised the introduction of a Bill. it would be the first time voters in mainland Britain have been able to use PR in a national election.

But Mr Blair is making plain that his doubts about using PR for Westminster elections remain and there is no prospect of change to the first-past-the-post system in the foreseeable future.

Mr Blair and strong sceptics in the Cabinet, led by Jack Straw and Ann Taylor, have relented over the European elections. They believe that not electing a government but representatives in a cross-Europe parliament.

Because of the pressure of Government business the Bill is expected to be introduced in the Lords. The Liberal Democrats are

pressing Mr Blair to set up the commission that is due to consider alternative voting systems for Westminster but that is not expected until the autumn. However, he hopes that the decision on Europe will be seen as a signal to them that his promise to follow a more co-operative style of

politics is being fulfilled. Some Cabinet ministers are attracted by the the greater control they believe a PR system would give Labour over its European MPs, some of whom have been notoriously "off-message".

Although the details have to

be worked out there is likely to be a regional lists of candidates who would be elected in proportion to the votes cast.

PR campaigners in the Cab-

inet, notably Robin Cook and Jack Cunningham, are delighted at the move, which is expected to be confirmed at tomorrow's Cabinet meeting. In the 1994 Euro elections Labour gained 62 seats, the Tories 18, the Liberal Democrats two and the Scottish Nationalists two. The smaller parties would have done much

better under PR. The Cabinet meeting is also expected to put the final touches the the Government's white papers on devolution. The Welsh paper is to be published next Tuesday and the Scottish one next Thursday, although the Scottish referendum will come first on September []

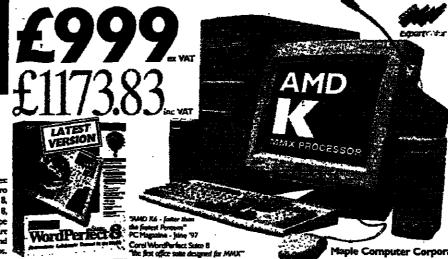
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Dewar loses his self-rule in argument on devolution [t was uncharacteristic of Donald Dewar to misjudge his man, or his orment, Ancram, a moderate and new Ancram, and a moderate and new Ancram, a moderate and new Ancram, and a moderate and new Ancram

moment. At most times a surefooted politician, in Opposition a shrewd Chief Whip and in Government as sharpwitted a Cabinet minister as they come, the Scottish Secretary can normally be relied upon to choose his words with care. But two intemperate answers at Scottish Questions yesterday suggested that the stress of organising devolution is beginning to tell.

tlemanly Scot, sits for an English seat. Dewar tried a sarcastic put-down, regretting that Ancram was out of touch with Scotland, having lost his seat there. This drew laughs from backbenchers, but mis-

Dewar may come to regret his other jibe. Tam Dalyell is neither ignorant nor ill-intentioned. The veteran Labour MP for Linlithgow is a force to be reckoned with. During Dalyell was among the leaders of the cross-party effort to scupper the plan. He has not declared himself against this Government's proposals, but we know he is sceptical.

Dalyell's method, in this as in any of his parliamentary crusades, is to become an expert on the subject in question, find the weak points in ministers' arguments, and then wear them down with an unceasing barrage of often

technical questions. He does not filibuster, he is not longwinded and never rude. He just keeps on asking the questions ministers do not want to

Opinion is divided as to whether he won his long battle with Margaret Thatcher over

hear. Mr Dalyell chips away

both at their case and their

POLITICAL SKETCH which way the Argentine General Belgrano was steaming

when British missiles sank her. He certainly made her life a misery The jury is still out over whether successive British

Governments have been right to blame the Libyans for the Lockerbie bombing, or wheth-er (as Dalyell claims) Libya

he has moved the argument Libya's way. And nobody doubts his role in wrecking Scottish devolution plans in the 70s.

Now Dalyell seems to have got badly under Donald Dewar's skin. He asked Mr Dewar (now it seemed a new building was to be commissioned, rather than an existing one used. for the Scottish Parliament) who was going to pay.

Mr Dewar adopted the lem-

nothing if not "persistent". But "the honourable Gentleman" the did not, as he should have, call him "my honourable Friend") "has fallen below his normal high standards". Dewar then scolded Dalyell for claiming that any decision had been taken to construct a new building. It had not.

it is unwise, on two counts, ever to accuse Mr Dalyell of not doing his homework. First, he probably has done his

ing the results at you every time you appear at the Disparch Box. If this sketch knows the Member for Linlithgow, he will at that moment have resolved henceforward to eat. sleep and breathe the finances of a new building for the Scottish Parliament.

Dalyell spent the rest of the session with his head sunk in his hands, deep in thought. Dewar has not heard the last

His Tory shadow, Michael Irvine considers curbs on fees of 'fat cat' QCs

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor is planning to curb lawyers' fees, by regulating "fat cat" OCs' earnings from legal aid and inflated fees for private work.

Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, sharply attacked £1 million-ayear lawyers in a speech in the House of Lords on Monday. Yesterday Lord Irvine, who by his own admission was himself a top-earning QC until Labour won the general election, was attacked by a Tory MP over a proposed refur-bishment of his official residence at a cost of £650,000.

The Lord Chancellor is reconsidering the principle that the "winner takes all". Liti-gants in the civil courts can recoup most of their costs from the losing side after winning a legal action. Lord Irvine is examining capping how much people can recover, instead.

The move, floated by Lord Woolf. Master of the Rolls, in his civil justice report last year. would indirectly bring pressure to bear on lawyers' charges. If a £2,500 costs limit was set for disputes involving sums up to £10,000, people would be less willing to pay much higher sums in legal fees.

Lord Irvine is also preparing plans which might be included in a Bill during the next session for curbs on the earnings of QCs who can make six-figure sums from criminal legal aid work. This could include setting prescribed rates, as exist for other

kinds of legal aid work. No decisions will be made until Sir Peter Middleton, a former Treasury official, reports on legal aid and civil

iustice this autumn. On Monday night, responding to concern expressed by Lord Ackner, the former law lord, that higher court fees were restricting the rights of access of litigants of modest means, Lord Irvine said: "Fat cat lawyers railing at the

inequity of court fees do not attract the sympathy of the public." He spoke scathingly of the "significant number of QCs who earn a million pounds per annum", adding that many would describe half a million pounds in one year as representing a very

bad year for them". He said it was "staggering" that of the total criminal legal aid budget of £566 million, the top I per cent of criminal cases consumed 24 per cent of the

Yesterday Gerald Howarth, the Conservative MP for Aldershot, accused the Lord Chancellor of "rank hypocrisy" in making his remarks while planning a reported £650,000 "tarting up" of his House of Lords residence at the taxpayers' expense.

Officials pointed out that the refurbishment, which has yet to be agreed by the Works Committee of the Lords, was part of a project to preserve the fabric of the Palace of Westminster and not a matter of expenditure by Lord Irvine. Lord Irvine also drew at-

tacks from the Bar, who said that fees earned by a handful of top lawyers (and not the



majority) were irrelevant to the issue of increased court fees and would not affect access to justice for those of modest means.

Robert Owen, QC, the Bar chairman, accepted that some commercial laywers - both solicitors and barristers. earned high fees which they commanded in the open market. But the real deterrent to people using the courts was court fees themselves, as evidence to the Public Accounts Committee had shown before this year's increases, he said.

He added that QCs legal aid earnings were approved by taxing masters in the courts "fair and reasonable", not set by lawyers.
"If the Lord Chancellor

wants to reduce these fees significantly, it must follow that a lower level would not be fair and reasoable. Nor would it affect the earnings of the top commercial silks because it is entirely a matter for their private clients how to spend their money."

Yesterday a Law Society spokesman said QCs legal aid fees were almost unregulated. "There are no prescribed scales for QCs' fees in civil or matrimonial work and they are paid at 'market rates'."

Tony Girling, president of the society, said all lawyers had to-accept the principle of "proportionality" in fees. In ninal legal aid, he said the society's view was that QCs only doing criminal legal aid work shoud earn the same as a hospital consultant was paid by the health service. Russell Wallman, head of

policy at the society, said it was not opposed in principle to setting a cap on legal costs which litigants could recover but that a fair fee must be

The furore is likely to fuel the case for a review of the



The Princess soaking up the sun in St Tropez yesterday

Princess denies she has surprise in store

By Alan Hamilton

A TRAIL of confusion was left pose in talking to some jouryesterday as she and her sons ntinued their holiday with Mohamed Ai Fayed. Her office at Kensington

Palace, acting on her instructions, denied that she told reporters on Monday of a forthcoming surprise announcement about her future. The journalists, whom she confronted from a speedboat, believed that she was suggesting she may be planning to live abroad.

Yesterday her London office tried to pour cold water on the speculation: "Her pur-

by Diana, Princess of Wales, nalists was merely to inquire how long they intended to France, as the oppressive media presence was causing great distress to all the children. There was no discussion of the possibility of any statement being issued in the

future." Yesterday the Princess was on the beach in full view of reporters and photographers. She and Prince William and Prince Harry have been staying with the Harrods chairman and his family at his villa in St Tropez.

Catholic girl shot at **Protestant**

boy's home CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN 18-year-old Catholic girl died yesterday after she was shot by a loyalist gunman as she slept at the home of her

Protestant boyfriend. Detectives said they feared that the shooting in the hardline loyalist village of Aghalee, Co Antrim, may have been sectarian. A man was arrested in the village yesterday by armed RUC

officers. Bernadette Martin, who had been going out with Gordon Green for a year, died in hospital after she was shot four times in the head at around 4am by a gunman who entered the house by an unlocked back door. She was asleep in a bed next to her boyfriend's sister. Mr Green was elsewhere in the house. She died yesterday afternoon in the Royal Victoria Hospital,

Belfast.
Detectives said they were working on a number of motives for the attack. However, fears grew last night that loyalists may have shot the teenager. Aghalee is close to Portadown, Co Armagh, the pase of a new hardline terrorist group known as the Loyal-ist Volunteer Force.

Aghalee is a notoriously hardline loyalist village. Although Mr Green is popular among Miss Martin's Catholic friends, some of his neighbours frequently shouted

sectarian abuse at her. Miss Martin lived on a mixed housing estate in Craigivon. Co Armagh, about miles from her boyfriend's house. The couple met about a year ago at a food processing factory in Lurgan where they

worked. The shooting was hours before loyalist politicians held their first meeting with Tony Blair since the election. Gary McMichael, the leader of the Ulster Democratic Party, the political wing of the Ulster Defence Association, described the death of Miss Martin as a tragedy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

'New building' for Scottish parliament

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, admitted for the first time yesterday that a new purpose-built assembly might have to be constructed for the planned Scottish parliament. He told MPs that the Old Royal High School building in Edinburgh, the expected site of the new legislature, might not be big enough. Mr Dewar said: "The Government has a state of the second building the state of the second building the second building the second se not ruled out the Royal High School but we are conscious of its shortcomings as a possible site and we want to look at other options."

Mr Dewar also confirmed that the White Paper on Scottish Devolution will be published on July 24, two days after that on Welsh devolution. They had been delayed by disagreement in Cabinet over power sharing.

Sheppard tax call

The Bishop of Liverpool. Dr David Sheppard, yesterday called on the Government to create more jobs and raise taxes to solve the problem of unemployment. In his valedictory address to the General Synod of the Church of England before he retires in September, he said that Christians must be mobilised to act, argue and lobby on "one of the great issues in human affairs".

Paper fined £50,000

The News of the World was fined £50,000 yesterday over an article which caused a criminal trial to be abandoned. The paper was found guilty of contempt of court after a story headlined "We smash £100 million fake cash ring" allowed two alleged counterfeit money dealers to walk free. The paper, working with police, had conducted an investigation and named two men it alleged were master forgers.

BA delays continue

British Airways will not return to normal operations until Monday, more than a week after the end of the three-day strike by cabin crew. With 1,500 cabin crew still off sick, the airline says that it is not able to operate more than 60 per cent of short-haul and 75 per cent of long-haul services from Heathrow. The final cost of the strike is estimated at between £50 million and £200 million. BA turbulence, page 25

Crash mother home

A woman injured in a crash which killed her husband and two young sons has left Basildon Hospital, Essex, with her baby boy who was born just hours after the accident. Sue family home at Chadwell St Mary, Essex, on June 29. Steven Murray, 25, of East Tilbury, has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving and taking a vehicle.

'Bodies' artist charged

A sculptor and tutor at the Prince of Wales's Institute of Architecture charged with stealing body parts for use in his sculpture shows, Scotland Yard said yesterday. Anthony-Noel Kelly, 41, a cousin of the Duke of Norfolk, from Brixton, south London, and Niel Lindsay, 24, a former mortuary assistant, will appear at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court on Au-gust 15.



Tall story for scientists

A gene which may explain why men are generally taller than women has been discovered by scientists. They believe it switches on in boys in puberty, causing growth sports, It may also control hair growth, muscle weight and fatness. The New Zealand researchers think the gene — STAT5b — may have important implications for treating dwarfism and could be used in farming to boost wool and meat production.

Overalls saved lift man

A worker escaped death when a lift he was working on at the Langham Hilton Hotel in London hurtled into the basement. His overalls caught on a projection in the lift shaft and he came to rest 12 inches from the floor, Southwark Crown Court was told. Hilton International Hotels (UK) Ltd denies failing to ensure the health, safety and welfare of

Woodhead orders inspectors to write tougher reports on teachers

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

TEACHERS will be graded individually from September under a change to school inspection that will place in doubt the future of thousands of staff.

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, announced yesterday that teachers will be judged on a three-point scale in confidential reports to heads. The system would contribute to an acceleration in the dismissal of incompetent staff. Inspectors have proved reluctant to pick out the worst teachers under a scheme introduced last year. The new plans will force them to make judgments on all the lessons they see and head teachers will be given a profile of teaching performance. About to per cent of the lessons observed by inspectors last year came into

the bottom category to be used in the new regime. The figure suggests that far more than the 13,000 teachers estimated by Mr Woodhead to be incompetent will be reported to heads by the time all schools have been inspected again.

Teachers' leaders claimed that the ratings were crude and unfair, aimed at encouraging the dismissal of weak staff. But Mr Woodhead said the grades would add to the management information available to heads and governors. "I think there is a stiffening of the management culture, which will see more teachers who are not up to the job being tackled about their performance," he said. "But this is just one part of the jigsaw for head teachers, albeit an important and absolutely justifiable piece.

The announcement appeared to take

ministers by surprise: there was no mention of the change in last week's White Paper on schools. But Stephen Byers, the Minister for School Standards. welcomed the development as a useful

addition to the information for heads. Mr Woodhead said that heads had asked for the change. But the two heads' associations were solit on its merits. The National Association of Head Teachers raised no objections but the Secondary Heads' Association said it strongly opposed any system of personal reports.

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. described the proposed grading as crude and unfair. He added: "Any head teacher worth their salt should know what is going on in their school."

Prince and Brown in pleas for young

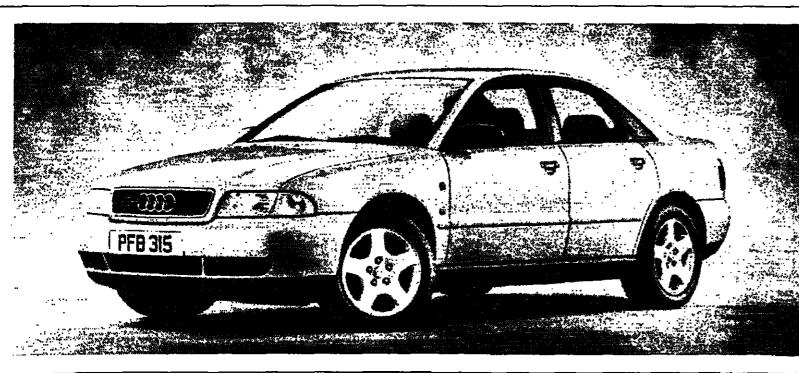
By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Prince of Wales and the Chancellor, Gordon Brown. last night put the seal on the relationship between the Prince and new Labour when they forged a partnership to help the young unemployed, appealing to leading business-

men to back them. The two men were brought together by Sir Peter Davis, group chief executive of the Prudential, who is chairman of one of the Prince's charities, Business in the Community, and chairman of Mr Brown's Welfare to Work taskforce. The joint approach to help youngsters trapped in the dependency culture is believed to have been arranged at two recent meetings between the Prince and Tony Blair.

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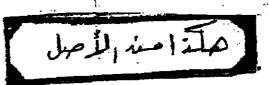
Mr Brown did not share a platform for speeches, but they met informally at a drinks reception for more than 200 business leaders, as a joint display of support. The Prince had launched a new awards scheme for companies which invest in communities, and Mr Brown appealed to busi-ness chiefs to join his crusade. to offer a new deal, and to second high-flying staff to the employment service to help administer the plan.



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Fashion world stunned by Versace murder

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK, AND STAFF REPORTERS

FRIENDS, models and admirers of Gianni Versace reacted with immense sadness to his death yesterday.

The designer Bruce Oldfield summed up the mood: "This is just not what you would expect in the fashion business, this just doesn't happen. Gianni always went for the grand entrance — the most here I am' dress, the sexiest dress that was available. He was

uncompromisingly glitzy."
But he added: "He was a modest man and liked to laugh and to poke fun at

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"Versace's death is a very great tragedy and a deep shock. He was obviously one of the most talented and famous designers of the last few years."

Emanuel Ungaro, a confrère, paid tribute to Mr Versace, saying that: "Gianni has left his mark on our times, with his vitality and joyful way of being. He has enriched all of our worlds. He was a genius in communicating". Mary Quant described Mr

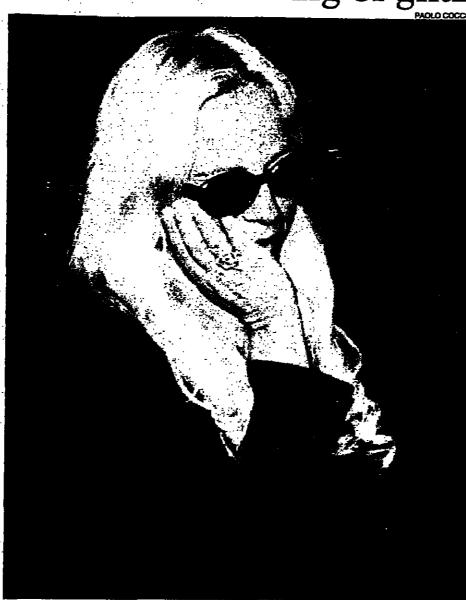
Versace as being "all about life". She said: "His designs were immediately recognisable as rich, glamorous and sexy. He dared to use a strong dash of vulgarity just beautifully. He was a man adored by everyone".

The model Kate Moss said she was "stunned" and "at a complete loss for words". Claudia Schiffer, who also modelled for him, said: Words cannot describe how much I will miss him. He was not only a gifted and talented designer who was extraordinary to work with but was also such a wonderful and caring man. He will be missed greatly by all of his friends and everyone in the industry."

Elton John said: "The world has lost a wonderful creative genius, and I have lost a very

Elizabeth Hurley, who hurtled to fame in a skimpy dress made by the couturier, said that she was going to miss him horribly". She said: "He was very kind and lovely to me. He will be hideously missed by everyone."

The editor of Vogue, Alexandra Shulman, said: "Gianni Versace was one of the most Tributes flow for modest man crowned king of glitz



Donatella Versace, the designer's sister, leaving a hotel in Rome yesterday

century. He understood that fashion must be exciting, glamorous and always new His death is a great shock and a huge loss to the industry."

Lisa Marie Presley, the daughter of Elvis Presley. described herself as "completely heartbroken over the tragedy". Ms Presley, who wore more Versace than most people, said: "Gianni was a rare talent, a genius as a designer and, more importantly, a wonderful friend

whose warmth and generosity I will miss terribly".

Boy George, who played the music for Versace's penultimate catwalk show in Milan, said: "I have worked with him on many occasions and he was nothing but a complete

Speaking yesterday in New York, Cindy Weber-Cleary, the fashion director for Glamour magazine, said: "There is only a handful of designers who really influence and in-

spire the whole fashion community and he was one of the top. He was famous for dressing celebrities and rock stars. They loved him for his colourful, spirited, energetic designs. In fact, he was one of the most knocked-off designers."

Jacques Mouclier, President of the Chambre Syndicale de la Couture, the governing body of French fashion, also mourned Mr Versace's death. He declared: "We admitted him as an unofficial member

of our body, even though he didn't create in Paris. He has really influenced fashion for years now. It was astonishing how he put clothes in focus with his use of models. He beautified women with a touch of modernism".

The British designer Caroline Charles said: "I think that he was a fabulous designer who just got better and better with every season.

He became more beautiful. more sensuous, more exquisite all the time. He knew how to dress a woman. He was one how to incorporate underwear into slinky little dresses."

She added: "All women

longed to wear his clothes, and you really could wear them." As news of Versace's death spread through the fashion world, mourning fans congregated at his flagship store in New Bond Street, London. Flowers were laid at the doors of the shop which had been closed as a mark of respect. Kerry-Anne Donner, 22, a fashion student from Tel Aviv. said: "I rushed here as soon as I heard the news. I am devastated. Every stitch I own is Versace".

Robin Dutt, 35, a freelance stylist and fashion writer shopping in New Bond Street. 'I met Versace a couple of times. He always struck me as a larger than life character. quite fearsome in a way, dark and brooding," he said. He added: "When someone like that dies it leaves a vacuum. He was not to everyone's taste and but he did things with a boldness and a brashness. You felt like you knew him well through his clothes."

When Versace first appeared on the staid Milan fashion scene in the late 1970s. he made some wince with his bright colors and hip-hugging styles. But the son of a favorite with rock and film stars, who loved his ritzy. glitzy clothes. Whether the company can keep generating the glitz without Versace, who was fatally shot Tuesday, is up for debate.

Much speculation will fall on the designer's immediate president of the company and his sister. Donatella, helped develop the Versus line. Santo "has to prove himself

next year, "said fashion industry consultant Michael Swift.

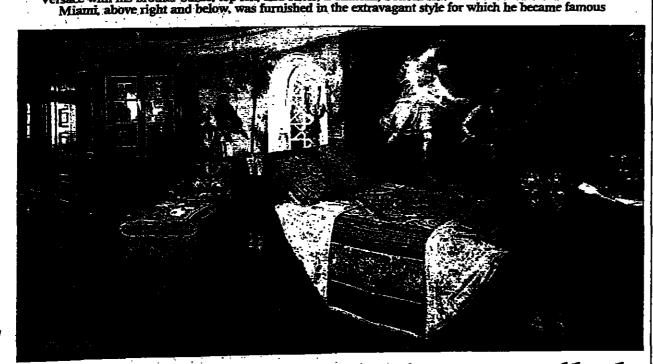


Model of style: Gianni Versace with Claudia Schiffer and Naomi Campbell





Versace with his brother Santo, top left, and sister, Donatella, bottom left, and their families. His home in



Fashion finale may be cancelled

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

TOP models in Rome were last night reluctant to go ahead with the finale of the annual haute couture shows on the Spanish Steps tonight.

The Rome Chamber of Fashion Designers and the Rome Chamber of Commerce were meeting to consider cancelling Donne Sotto le Stelle (Women Under The Stars) after the murder of Gianni Versace. There were also reports that RAI, the state-run television, was considering cancelling coverage if the

event went ahead. The main Italian homosexual rights group. Arcigay, announced that it was in

of the first homosexuals among Italian public figures to make known his sexual orientation. Signor Grillini speculated that the murder could have been the work of religious fanatics in America.
Giorgio Napolitano, the Interior Min-

ister, said Italian investigators were trying to determine the exact circumstances of the killing in collaboration with American counterparts. "One fact is certain," he said. "In the United States, as in Europe, there is a great deal of violence, even if the causes of crime are

The designer's sister, Donatella, and his brother, Santo, who ran the business side of the Versace empire, left for Miami

corruption in Italian civic life, and Santo Versace is appealing against a conviction for bribing tax inspectors in a case that implicated several of Italy's prominent fashion designers. His younger brother was not charged in the case.

The murder of Gianni Versace is the second death of a major Italian player in the world of haute couture in almost as many years. In March, 1995, the fashion magnate Maurizio Gueri was shot dead as he arrived for work at his office in Milan. His two assassins made their escape in rush-hour traffic.

Initially, detectives believed the Mafia might have been responsible. However, last February, Maurizio's ex-wife

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mourning for Versace, who has been yesterday after learning of his death. Patrizzia Reggiani was arrested and The Versace empire was caught up in described by Franco Grillini, the group's president, as a hero for having been one the Mani Pulite (Clean Hands) crack-



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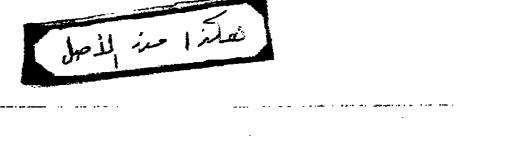
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Royal date for golden couples whose love lasted

Survival secrets of 50-year marriages varied at a special

party. Alan Hamilton and Mark Henderson report

EIGHT thousand survivors of one of life's challenges joined the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at a special garden party in the grounds of Buckingham Palace yesterday, with no simple formula for staying married for half a

in the postwar austerity of 1947, Princess Elizabeth mar-ried Lt Philip Moentbatten, RN, handsome but essentially penniless war hero, at Westminster Abbey. To mark their golden wedding, they invited all surviving 1947 couples to apply to join them in the

Of 400,000 couples married in that year, 40,000 applied, and were whittled down in ballots held by lord lieuten-ants in individual counties. Unsuccessul applicants were sent a royal message of

Yesterday's party, blessed with warm, dry weather, was conducted rather more informally than the usual events on the palace lawn. The Queen and the Duke spent longer mingling with the crowds on the lawn as they made their way to the tea tent, where they had a private meeting with 17 couples who married on the same day as themselves -

No agreed formula emerged for staying together. Tommy Lee, 74, and his wife Dorothy, 71, from Cardiff, said: "You have to have a good row now and again. It clears the air and

her husband Jimmy, 77, from Glasgow, were not sure of the reason for their success. Mrs McKever said she had never looked at another man since meeting her husband when she tripped over a ledge at the both worked. But Mr McKever, a veteran of Dun-

kirk, confessed: "I still look

after a nice bit of leg from time Mrs McKever interrupted to insist that he could not do that, as she was the boss. What is really important is that you marry the person you love. If you don't, like Princess Margaret, look how you land up. I felt so sorry for her as she

was stopped from marrying

the man in her life."

Many couples from the Commonwealth attended the party. Michael Szumlanski, 74, and his wife Joyce, 68, from Ontario, met at the end of the war, she a nurse and he a serviceman being treated for a war wound. Mr Szumlanski said: "I kept badgering her to marry me, but she always said she had to ask her parents. Eventaully, on 8 July 1947. Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip announced their engagement, and that persuaded

Edward and Winifred Holden from Bingley, Yorkshire, met on a blind date at an RAF camp near Blackpool during the war. "I always remembered the advice the vicar gave me, but it was wrong," Mr to be 50-50 all the time. He was Beverley McKever, 74, and nearly right, but 75-25 to the

said they would be selling

their home to find somewhere

this nightmare for eight years.

I am relieved that we have not been left destinate, but this has

upset me so much I do not wish to stay here," she said.

Mr and Mrs Martin, also

retired, were not available for

comment yesterday.

The wall was damaged during the 1987 hurricane. At

Newport County Court last year the Martins were award-

ed £500 damages and the costs of replacing the wall against Henry and Patricia Butcher, who built the bungalow and

sold it to the Perrins in 1988 for Indge Arthur Mildon ruled

there should be no order against the Perrins after find-

ing that they had done nothing to undermine the foundations

of the wall. The Martins

appealed against his order,

claiming that the wall's foun-

dations were further under-mined when the Perrins built

a greenhouse next to it. Ken McEwan, the Perrins'

solicitor, said after the hear-

ing: "My clients did not re-ceive any help until their

funds had been entirely exhausted by this action. The

entire costs of the hearings

will now fall on the Legal Aid

"We have had to live with

wife is always going to work

Colin and Freda Smith from Sutton Coldfield, said they had never had a serious row. We didn't just jump into it like kids do today. Mr Smith said. We were courting two. Mrs Smith added: "When you were young in our day, if it didn't work out, you had to work at it or go back to your mum, who wouldn't have you. more freedom. That's why so

many marriages fail."

For the Queen and Prince Philip, whose record of marriage is better than that of any of their children, celebrations continue later in the year. On 19 November, Tony Blair will host a government lunch for them in the Banqueting House, Whitehall, followed by a gala concert in the Royal Festival Hall

The following day - the anniversary of their marriage - the royal couple will attend a thanksgiving service in Westminster Abbey, followed by a walkabout, a lunch given by the Lord Mayor of London at Guildhall, and an evening dance at Windsor Castle.

Other planned events include a reception in November to mark the completion of restoration work after the Windsor Castle fire, with 1,500 contractors, craftsmen, and others associated with the work as guests, and a lunch in the House of Lords in December given by the Privy Council.

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Their day in the sun: romance still blossoms among couples at the Buckingham Palace garden party yesterday

But we won't be happy ever after in 2047

FIFTY years from now, barely 33,000 couples are forecast to reach their golden wedding anniversary, com-pared with this year's estimated

The main reason is that there are only three quarters as many marriages, and not only are they much more likely to end in divorce, but many are taking place later in life, often among people marrying for a

average now is 23. In 1947, more than 85 per cent of the brides and grooms were marrying for the first time, compared with 71 per cent today.

There were more than 400,000 marriages in 1947, and about 28 per cent have survived 50 years. Fewer than 300,000 couples will marry this year, and only 11 per cent are expected to be together in 50 years, on current trends. Of those married in 1947, ten per cent have divorced. Of those who marry today, ten per cent will have divorced within five years.

Marjorie Thoburn, head of services

couples now enter marriage with a totally different perspective: "Women came out of war work looking for security and wanting to raise a family. Fifty years ago, they lacked the money and opportunites to leave the marriage. Nowadays expectations of life-

influence of television. "Things so often go wrong because couples don't seem to realise that we all change as we get older, and we have to go on adapting. We have had a number of years when 'I want it now'

style are higher because of the

realise that there ain't no such thing as the ideal perfect marriage. We have to modify our expectations to stay

The figures ignore the increasing number of people who are choosing to live together. One in five of nonmarried men and women were cohabiting in 1993, compared with one in seven ten years earlier. One in five of the relationships has lasted for at least

By the 2040s, there could be a call for golden non-wedding cards.

Wall row ends with £280,000 bill for taxpayer

BY A STAFF REPORTER

AN EIGHT-YEAR dispute between neighbours over a collapsed garden wall was finally settled in the Court of Appea yesterday, at a cost of about £280,000 to the Legal Aid

Lord Justice Mummery spoke before giving judgment about his disappointment that an action had been pursued where the legal costs "far exceeded the price of any damages that could have been

Donald and Audrey Pertin. a retired couple, spent their life savings of £80,000 on lawyers' and surveyors' bills after they were accused by neighbours of undermining a 100-year-old boundary wall with work on their bungalow. They were granted legal aid

last week when their savings ran out so that they could be represented at the appeal. The judges found that the Perrins had nothing to do with damage to the 40ft-long brick wall. They granted an order for costs which means the couple can reclaim the money spent on the appeal and earlier hearings from the neighbours, Richard and Alex Martin, who were on legal aid. ...

Lord Justice Simon Brown said: "Alas, the burden must fall on to the legal aid fund." Mr and Mrs Perrin, of Brading, Isle of Wight, yesterday put up Union Jacks and a sign saying "We've Won", but Fund. We are talking about a victory was not entirely sweet. figure of around £280,000."



Mrs James: concerned about animals' safety

Farm gate leads to a beastly dispute

A HIGH COURT judge will shortly be asked to decide who owns a roadside grass verge. Does it belong to the senior Barclays Bank execu-tive whose detached house lies at the end of the private road? Or is it the property of the farmer whose land bor ders the lane on both sides?

Ken James, 49, and his wife Dorothy, 48, believe the fate of their farm could hang on the court's decision, for it will determine whether a gate which keeps their stock off the

main road can stay.

They say that over the past four years they have spent £10,000 on legal fees in argument with their neighbour. Bill Dempster, a Barclays corporate manager based at Newcastle upon Tyne. Part of their court claim is £5,500 which, they say, was the cost of 800 yards of fencing they erected along the road and which, it is alleged, was torn down in

1993 by Mr Dempster's men. The row flared up again last week when police escorted workmen sent to remove the gate at the end of the lane at Crambington, Northumberland. Mrs James said: "The policeman said Bill Dempster had sent a letter authorising the removal of our stock-proof gate. He was there to make sure it happened without any problems."

Her husband said: "For a senior bank official to act like this over a gate and some fencing is incredible. To people on the outside this must look ridiculous, but to us it has become very nasty and

Mr Dempster and his wife Anthea have put their £275,000 home up for sale. He said: "I own the road and I also own the gateway, but it was not me who tried to have it removed, although I was asked about my ownership of

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Killings by mentally ill 'will continue'

KILLINGS and assaults by mentally ill people will continue unless care in the community is improved. leading mental health campaigners said yesterday.

The warning followed the publication of two independent inquiries which concluded that poor communications between caring agencies and inadequate training were partly responsible for violent acts by two mental patients.

A report by Croydon Health Authority into the case of Gilbert Kopernik-Steckel, who twice discharged himself from a psychiatric hospital, against medical advice,

Tragedies will recur unless care in community is improved, Alexandra Frean reports

committed suicide, blamed "an overwhelming failure of communications" between carers. Terry Hanafin, chief executive of the health authority, said that the deaths "could have been prevented". Marjorie Wallace, chief executive of the mental health charity SANE. said that the case was the worst of its kind she had encountered.

Steckel, 33, an architect, was informally admitted to the mental health unit of the Mayday Hospital in Thornton Heath, south London in January 1996. He walked out the

he again discharged himself and returned home to South Norwood, where he stabbed his mother and cut his own throat. Mrs Steckel. 57, a teacher, had telephoned the hospital for help before the attack.

The Croydon report recommended that an out-of-hours crisis service be set up to cope with cases, such as Steckel's, which reached a head during weekends or evenings.

Ms Wallace said: "Although [Steckel] was experiencing an acute

next day but asked to resume and dangerous psychotic episode, treatment a day later. Later that day not one of 15 people concerned with his care over three days, including four psychiatrists and two social service teams, seemed able to prevent the tragedy."

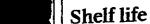
A separate inquiry published yesterday by Birmingham Health Authority and Birmingham City Council into the police shooting of a mentally ill man who held a supermarket manager hostage at knifepoint exonerated the professionals responsible for his care. David Howell was shot by police

last November two days after failing to take a monthly injection to suppress his schizophrenia.

The report made 14 recommendations about improving care, suggesting that the social services department and mental health trusts consider ways of closer collaboration "to ensure there is no danger of duplication or the passing of responsibility". An earlier inquest into the case found that West Midlands Police had used reasonable force against Mr Howell. Ms Wallace said: "Inquiry after

inquiry show that lessons have not been learnt and that new measures are vital to ensure immediate care and treatment for those who need it. when they need it." She said that emergency procedures for admitting mentally ill patients who could be a danger to themselves or to others needed to be simplified and speeded up, and that it should be made compulsory for different agencies to inform each other of the full case histories of such parients.

She criticised the prevailing ideology among carers, which appeared to put the civil liberties of mentally ill patients before the safety of the general public



award.

A shoplifter who admitted stealing a chicken and a bottle of wine asked Gloucester magistrates to consider 2.300 offences after his flat was found piled high with food. Andrew Rickards, 39, a factory worker, was remanded on bail for psychiatric reports.

Dead girl's award to be challenged

A health authority has won

the right to reclaim compen-

sation paid to a disabled girl

who died eight days after winning the sentement. A High Court judge granted Nottingham Health Author-

ity leave to appeal against the

Hollie Calladine. 9, was left

with a mental age of a few

months after being starved of oxygen at birth. She died

following a bout of epilepsy in

May after the £700,000 award

ended a nine-year legal battle. The authority sought a ruling

on part of the award made fo

long-term care.

Launderette blast

Eight people were injured after an explosion and fire at a launderette in Cheadle, Staffordshire. The building was gutted and flames spread to parked cars. Three people. were being treated last night for severe burns and one was in critical condition.

Sex-change case

Transsexuals have won the legal right to challenge sex discrimination at work. The Employment Appeal Tribunal made the ruling after a sex-change woman's claim of harassment was referred to it by to an industrial tribunal.

Car hits nurses

Three 19-year-old nursery nurses on a sponsored walk in memory of a friend who died of meningitis were seriously injured near Littlehampton. West Sussex, when they were hit by a car which skidded on oil and mounted the pavement.

Cats rescued

Jan Webb and her husband. Ady, who adopted a stray cat and three kittens while holidaying in Greece, brought them to Swindon, Wiltshire, at a cost of nearly £3,000 for quarantine and innocu-

40 inquiries under way into blunders

THERE are about 40 inquiries into mental health blunders under way at any one time. Their purpose is to reassure the public and to make recommendations about how the system can be improved.

The inquiries, usually chaired by QCs or eminent doctors, almost always reach similar conclusions about poor communications beiveen agencies, lack of leadership and poor resources. They rarely result in sackings and their findings are not collated by any central government

Recent inquiries include: Christopher Clunis stabbed Jonathan Zito to death in December 1992. The inquiry report in February 1994 said that police, social

hostel staff and the probation ☐ Andrew Robinson stabbed Georgina Robinson, no relation, an occupational therapist, in Torquay, Devon, in September 1993. An inquiry said doctors had ignored Robinson's violent behaviour for 15 years and placed too much emphasis on the civil liberties

☐ Martin Mursell. a 28-year-old paranoid schizophrenic, stabbed his stepfather to death in a frenzied knife attack and left his mother barely alive on 28 October

An inquiry ordered by Camden and Islington Health Authority said that Mursell had been failed by care profession-

Junk mail rings a bell



depressing way".

☐ Stephen Laudat, 26, a

schizophrenic, stabbed strang-

er Bryan Bennett, 59, in a

frenzied attack at a centre for

mental patients in Newham,

east London, in July 1994, An

inquiry called for closer co-op-

eration between health and

☐ Wayne Hutchinson, a paranoid schizophrenic who

was released by mistake.

killed two and injured three in

Brixton, south Landon, over

local authorities.

Community Care Trust ordered an inquiry, which is

☐ Darren Carr set fire to the

house of Susan Hearmon,

where he was employed as a

childminder, killing her and

her two daughters, Kylie, six,

and Julie Anne, four, on 26

June 1995. An inquiry commis-

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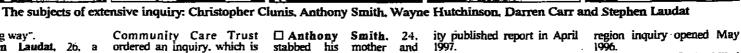
Other inquiry reports published in 1997:

□ Evan Barry killed his es-

tranged wife Susan in April







Deter Winship killed his il-year-old half brother to death in 1995 a month after father in July 1996. Nottingdischarging himself from hosham Health Authority report pital. An inquiry ordered by published June 1997. Paul Smith killed his moth-Southern Derbyshire Health Trust balmed weak communer's boyfriend John McCluskey in November 1995. North West Anglia Health Authority report published July 1997. ications and a lack of a clear chain of responsibility among

Reports pending: known victim in February 1994. Anglia and Oxford NHS

☐ Richard Linford killed

Christopher Edwards in Nov-

ember 1994 in Chelmsford

orison. Inquiry still sitting.

☐ Peter Horrod killed his

wife Brenda in May 1995. Anglia and Harbours NHS

have ordered an inquiry.

Norman Dunn killed his

mother Eileen McLachlan in

July 1995. Inquiry ordered by

Newcastle Health Authority.

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A joint statement by West Hertfordshire, Barnet, Brent and Harrow Health

The infection is different from the one behind the recent fatal outbreak in Scotland, which was caused by eating meat containing the bacteria.

ringing continued. Exhausted by lack of sleen. "It was an enormous relief. he contacted the cable com-

FOR three days David Petty was haunted by a mysterious ringing. The sound of a telephone interrupted his work ruined attempts to watch television, disrupted meals, intruded into his sleep and upset his pet rabbit (Lin Jenkins writes).

in search of the source, Mr Petty. 70. dismantled his telephone, disconnected his computer, combed his house during the night and contacted BT and a cable telephone company that had installed new equipment outside. The

pany again. When he held the telephone receiver aloft the employee at the other end recognised it as a ringing mailshot sent out to advertise

the firm's telephone service.

The mailshot contained a microchip which emitted the sound of a telephone when the card was opened. Peace returned when Mr Petty tracked it down among a pile

of correspondence under his computer keyboard.

But I was annoyed to discover that it was all down to a piece of junk mail, which I did not want anyway." Mr Petty, of Ipswich. said. "The shrill noise went on 24 hours a day."

Marjorie McFarlane, of East Coast Cable, said thousands of the mailshots had been sent. "We have had a few negative comments. mostly from people leaving the card open accidentally.

Boy caught E. coli from farm goat

BY IAN MURRAY

A BOY of 4 who is critically ill with E. coli caught it from a goat at a farm park where children pet the animals. The farm

is a popular venue for school trips. The goat has been destroyed after being found responsible for the infection. Two other children suffered a mild form after visiting the farm at Hertsmere, near Harrow, north London. The owners are keeping the site closed to the public until

tests prove that it has been disinfected. It is normally visited by about 112,000 Ormond Street Hospital for Children, where his condition is described as critical

After he fell ill. DNA tests on the farm's goats, lambs and calves found that one goat was carrying the bacteria. The farm does not produce food, and it is likely that the three who became ill either touched the infected goat or another animal which

had droppings on its coat. A spokesman from the Health and Safety Executive said: "E. coli is incredibly easy to catch and it is necessary to scrub your hands for at least four minutes after touching an infected animal. Teachchildren a year. The boy is in Great ers and parents taking children to this

sort of place need to be very aware of the dangers. If they plan to have a picnic on the farm they must ensure that nobody eats until they have scrubbed their

Authorities, Hertsmere Borough Council and the Health and Safety Executive said there was no suggestion that the farm did not have adequate precautions, but further expert opinion was being sought.

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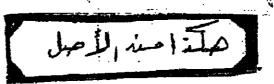
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Andrews denies inventing story of road-rage killing

Joanna Bale hears accusations of deceit and temper

TRACIE ANDREWS, who rethe back of the car, several feet realisation at how vicious your with a penknife after a blazing row, was described in court as know anything about him a woman of decent with a going to the back of the car."

Vicious temper. Mr Crigman: "You did see

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On her second day in the witness box, Miss Andrews remained composed under close questioning by David Crigman, QC, about the roadside murder of Lee Harvey. She denied accusations that she had made up a story that Mr Harvey had been killed during a road rage incident. and that she had based it on a row she had in the past.

In front of a packed public gallery at Birmingham Crown Court, Mr Crigman said: You and Lee had a row. You both stormed out of the car to the back of the car and you had an almighty set-to. In the course of it you got a penknife and you stabbed him time and time again."

Miss Andrews, 28, replied: "No, I did not."

Mr Crigman said that it had been estimated that she and Mr Harvey had been at the murder scene, a country lane near their home in Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester, for 17 minutes. The first person on the scene had been a ... man who came out of a nearby cottage to get into his car.

Mr Crigman said; "For any of that 17 minutes, did you make the slightest attempt to alert the occupants of that house?" Miss Andrews replied: "It wasn't until the light came on [outside the house] that I was able to shout for help ... Lee was lying on the ground. I did not want to leave

want to leave him, why didn't you put your hand on the horn?" Miss Andrews: "I don't

Mr Crigman asked Miss Andrews to account for Mr. Harvey's blood on the road at "You were shocked at the

peatedly denied yesterday that from where he was found she stabled her fiancé to death dead. Miss Andrews: "I didn't see Let get stabbed. I didn't

> Mr Crigman: "You did see him at the back of the car because that's where you were stabbing him. Miss An-drews: "I did not see Lee at the back of the car. I was not stabbing him."

Mr. Crigman: "How did he get the wounds in his back? You have only ever spoken of the man attacking him to his



Tracie Andrews arriving at the court yesterday

face." Miss Andrews: "That's all I saw."

Earlier, Mr Crigman accused Miss Andrews of changing her story about the route that she and Mr Harvey had taken on their way home from the pub that they had visited on the night he was killed. He said to her: "You are a woman of considerable deceit aren't Mr Crigman: "If you did not you, Miss Andrews?" She

replied: "No, I'm not." She said that she found it hard to show the police the route she and Mr Harvey had taken because it brought back bad memories. Mr Crigman:

temper had become, weren't you? Miss Andrews: "I have not got a vicious temper."

He asked her about a series of violent rows that she and Mr Harvey had had in the months before his death. She admitted that she had bitten Mr Harvey's neck during a row in a nightclub in which he held one of her wrists and refused to let go.

Mr Crigman: "When your teeth were in his neck, how did you feel about him?" Miss Andrews: "I was angry with him." Mr Crigman: "It must require a real intensity of feeling to put your teeth into someone's neck. It's no mild emotion, is it? Miss Andrews: People do do things. Lee has done things to me."

Mr Crigman: "It was exactly the same intensity, but magnified by everything that followed, that led you to put a knife in his neck, isn't it?" Miss Andrews: "No."

Mr Crigman accused Miss Andrews of basing her ficutious" story about the road rage incident on real experiences. He said: "You invent people and then you introduce bits and pieces of your life experience." He described an incident in which she had argued with another driver after colliding with the back of his parked car. This is what you used as your little fiction base." Miss Andrews: "There is nothing of any similarity

whatsoever." She said that the male friend who was in her car on that occasion had got out to argue. She denied that she had driven off with the other driver clinging to the bonnet. She admitted that Mr Harvey had once owned a black F-registered Ford Orion and said it was "just circumstantial" that the man she had alleged killed him last December was in a black F-registered Ford Sierra.

The trial continues.



Policemen on duty outside Downing Street acted to avert any threat from Humphrey the cat yesterday after a duck and her brood from St James's Park took a wrong turning and ended up outside No 10, where Humphrey lives



Unruly brood ducks out of No 10

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A DUCK and her 17 ducklings severely tested Downing Street security yesterday after losing their

The duck had taken a wrong turning in St James's Park, missing the path to Duck Island at the eastern end of the lake, before bringing traffic to a halt by crossing Horse Guards Road with her brood in single file.

Oblivious to the threat from Humphrey, the No 10 cat, who has been alleged to have a taste for ducks, mother and family then waddled up the driveway at the back of the Foreign Office, and ended up climbing the stone steps at the rear of the most famous street in the capital same 200

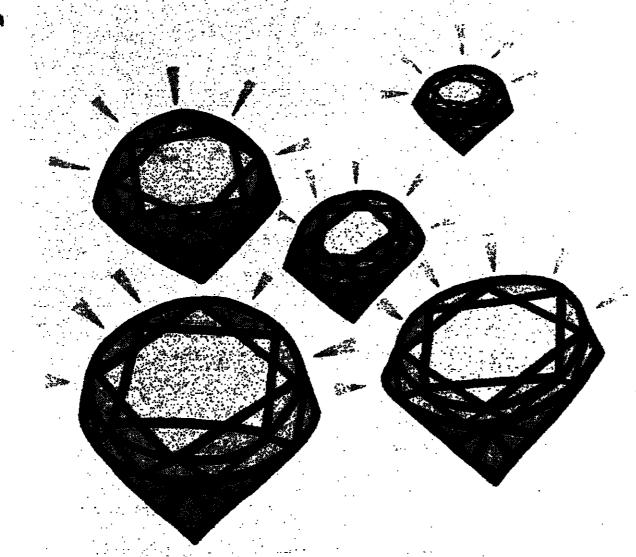
yards from home. Fearing that mother and ducklings would perish under the wheels of the traffic, if not Humphrey's iaws, if they carried on into Whitehall, officers from the Diplomatic Protection Group on duty outside No 10 took immediate action.

For ten minutes they ran around outside the famous black door, trying to catch the anxious family one by one in their helmets.

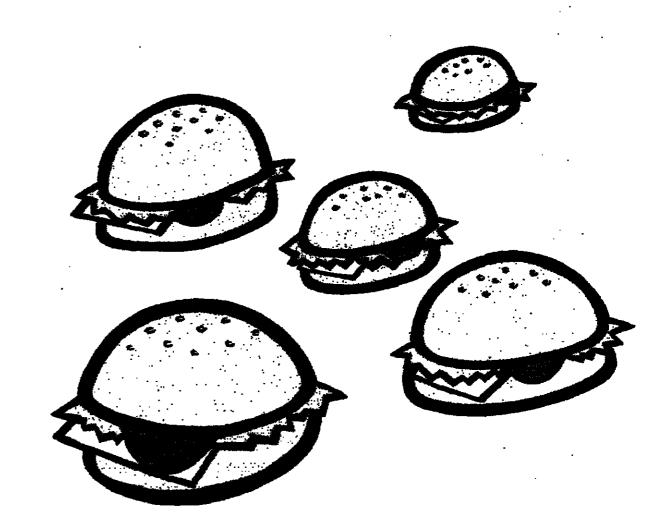
One officer said: "It wasn't very dignified but all in the line of duty. The first thing we all said to each other was 'Oh no, where's Humphrey?' Fortunately he was nowhere to be seen.

The ducks were handed

over to a park warden who took them back to the park in a cardboard box. A spokesman for the Royal Parks said: "Humphrey often comes uninvited into St James's Park. We certainly do not encourage him. Our ducks have to be protected. "We have our own cat, Scrounger, who normally manages to keep him at a certain distance. That's how we like him."



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Minister presses French to step up Caroline inquiry

AND JANE MARRIOTT

A FOREIGN Office minister yesterday promised the parents of Caroline Dickinson her personal support in pressing the French to discover who murdered

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean spent 90 minutes with John Dickinson and his former wife Sue. Friday is the anniversary of 13-year-old Caroline's rape and suffocation during a school trip to Brittany.

Lady Symons said later: "I told them that they were not alone and that I shall do everything I can to help them. As a first step. I am instructing the British Ambassador to hand over a letter from me to the French authorities I shall continue to take a close personal interest in the matter.

She said that her letter will question the progress of the



Caroline: murdered in a Brittany youth hostel

would be pursued. The Government was "fully involved" in the matter.

The letter will not be critical of the French system or individuals." Lady Symons said. "But we would like to see resources concentrated very pened on that dreadful night, and how they do that is a matter for the French Govern-

environmental health officer from Bodmin, Cornwall, said the time might have come to replace Gerard Zaug, the magistrate who is in charge of the investigation.

We are frustrated that all our attempts to improve the investigation and gain answers to our many questions have been unsuccessful," he said. He called for more DNA tests on men in the area.

M Zaug yesterday told the newspaper Ouest-France that he had "no reason to hand the inquiry to anyone else other than the gendarmes". Meathe hours after the murder 'allowed the forensic doctors to work well and obtain precise samples of unquestionable quality".

Herve Rouzad-le-Boeuf, the Dickinsons' French lawyer. said that although the French Government had no power to intervene, he hoped that indirect pressure could be brought

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Paul and Sue Dickinson outside the Foreign Office yesterday with their MP, Paul Tyler, and their lawyer, Herve Rouzad-le-Boeuf

authorities.

Caroline was killed on July 18 last year while sharing a room with four other pupils College at a youth hostel in the village of Pleine Fougeres. Mr Dickinson urged holidaymakers to boycott youth hostels in Brittany while the killer was

Dickinson were heartened by Lady Symons's concern. was very, very pleased with the meeting and how it progressed, and there was obvi-

ously very genuine concern by Lady Symons as to our

situation.
"With regard to the gendarmerie investigation, we feel that a key problem is the element of secrecy which surrounds the inquiry, together with the known blunders which initially beset the case." There was a lack of confidence in the competence of the magistrate.

Paul Tyler, the couple's Liberal Democrat MP, said: "Not just the family but everybody has been subject to an

Joanna's killing unsolved

FRENCH police investigat-ing the murder seven years ago of Joanna Parrish, a 20year-old French language student, have carried out DNA tests on five suspects, but all proved negative

Her father, Roger Parrish, velcomed news of the development as an indication of progress in the case. He said it was only the second communication the family had had from the French authorities

since his daughter's death. Mr Parrish, a civil servant from Newnham in Gloucestershire, is pressing for more tests on people whose names have been given to him as a

Miss Parrish's body was

result of appeals he made on

French television. There is

more than one name we are

suggesting, but there is one individual in particular we

want them to investigate," he

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River Youne in Auxerre, Burgundy, where she had been staying in connection with her

saulted and strangled after placing an advertisement in a newspaper offering English

It is believed her killer was a man who answered the advertisement and made an appointment to meet her.

By Carol Midgley MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ALWAYS, the £3 million West End musical slated by the critics, is to close after six weeks. The demise of the show, about Edward VIII's romance with Wallis Simpson, will increase concern about the long-term future of the big stage musical voiced recently by Lord Lloyd-Webber.

Audiences had fallen to less than half capacity for the show, which had to run for 24 weeks to break even. The cast were said to be in shock. A spokesman for the show said that losses were "significant". but it was difficult to say how much because the production may go on tour abroad where costs will be recouped.

Three Degrees singer Sheila Ferguson, Clive Carter and Jan Hartley, was panned by the critics. One accused it of "buttock-clenching comic aw-fulness" and added: "Always won't give Andrew Lloyd-Webber and Cameron Mackintosh many sleepless nights. I expect to see it abdicate from

the London stage very soon."

The show closes on July 26 and will be replaced by Jerry Lewis's Damn Yankees on September 25.

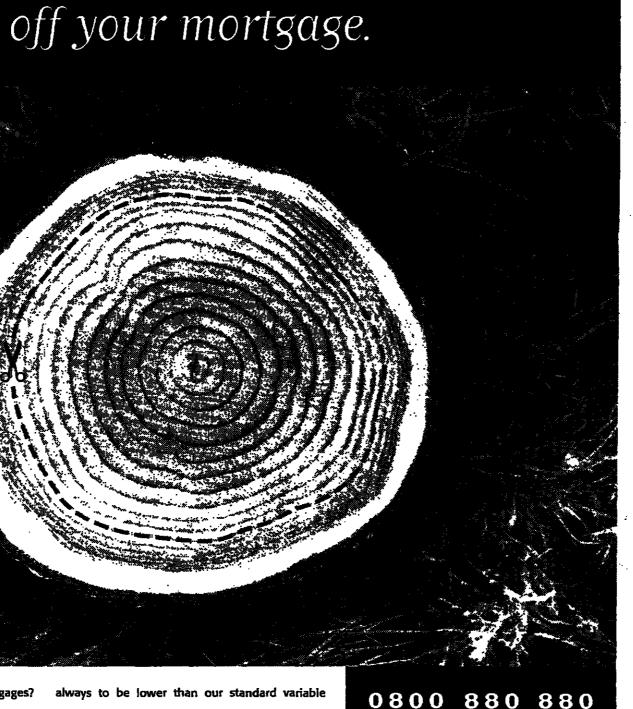
Man of 26 dies after contracting chickenpox

By PAUL WILKINSON

A 26-YEAR-OLD man has died in hospital after contracting chickenpox. Alex Dearden suffered multiple organ failure after his GP confirmed that the spots which appeared on his face a month ago were a case of the childhood disease. Mr Dearden, a sales representative in Halifax, west Yorkshire, developed septiaemia and a lung infection 24 hours later. He was admitted to Burnley General Hospital. but his condition worsened and he was transferred to a specialist unit at St James's Hospital in Leeds.

Last week Mr Dearden, a single father with a two-yearold son, developed a secondary infection and died of heart failure. His mother, Carol laughed at him when the spots first came out. He even laughed at himself. Then he started coughing blood. Everybody knows that when an adult gets a childhood illness you will be very poorly. But vou think it would be like flu." Howard Barries, a consul-

tant with Calderdale and Kirklees Health Authority, said it was very rare for anyone to die from chickenpox, or for an adult to develop the disease,



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Student in sex case had made earlier claim

Woman accusing professor of harassment had rejected lie detector test in other complaint. Kathryn Knight reports

A STUDENT who accused a philosophy professor of inde-cently assaulting her after a garden party had made a similar allegation against a man in America three years earlier, a court was told

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Miss Y, who together with her friend, Miss X, alleges that John Cottingham kissed and fondled them in his teaching room at Reading University, had complained to police of being sexually assaulted while on holiday in 1993. Reading Crown Court was told that the case was dropped after the student, now 24, refused to participate in a lie-detector test. Under questioning from Sandra Stanfield, for the defence. Miss Y admitted she had made a complaint against a man she had met in a nightclub. Asked why she had refused to undergo a taped interview monitored by liedetecting equipment, she said: "I speak the truth first and foremost and at that time I was alone in the US and I was really frightened. My parents were telling me to come

Miss Stanfield suggested to Miss Y that she was lying, as her brother was with her at the time. "We are not particularly close." Miss Y replied. She denied she had made a complaint of indecent assault in England a few years earlier.

The jury has been told that. Professor Cottingham, 53, a leading authority on Descartes, invited the two women, then aged 23 and 21, to his room after meeting them at a garden party last year. He had kissed and fondled them after making references to owning a cane. He was alleged to have unzipped their dresses and touched their breasts, remov-

ing Miss Y's bra and tights. Asked why at no point had she asked him to stop, Miss Y said both she and Miss X were shocked and frightened, and his room. "We were petrified. hundreds of men. Miss Y assault. The case continues."

He had been talking about canes and whips and chains. We were worried about getting out of the room alive. He had been talking about de Sade, and the only thing I knew about him was he was a

pervert who killed people."

Miss Stanfield said that in Miss Y's statement to the police, given an hour after the alleged incident, there was no mention of her fear that the door was locked, or of Professor Cottingham saying he had

Miss Y said she had been shocked and confused at the time and had been unable to



Cottingham: a leading authority on Descartes

remember every detail. She had found that some missing links had since come back to

"Is that why in your statement you said you had no idea how your brassière came to be off or your tights removed?" Miss Stanfield asked Miss Y replied: "Yes".

Miss Stanfield suggested that the friends had performed a "vamping act" like a "teasing striptease" to titillate the professor. She put it to Miss Y that she had kissed Miss X. saying they were interested in thought they were locked in sex of all kinds and had had

was not true. Earlier, under examination by Simon Draycott, for the prosecution, Miss Y compared the incident to being in a car accident and everything was in slow motion. I didn't even feel I was there, it was as if it was happening to someone else. I was very shocked ... It was like my grandad or

Asked if she had welcomed Professor Cottingham's attentions, she replied: "Not at all. He was a lecturer and I had no reason not to respect any of my lecturers. I had no idea he was that way inclined."

The court also heard from a porter at the university who said he had heard the two young women running along corridor from Professor Cottingham's room and then found them in a distressed state while on his night patrol. Andrew Campbell said the two women had approached him saying they needed to

One was in a state, crying, a bit shaky. The other was also in a state but in a bit more control. At one point when i was talking to them they were clinging to one another, trying to comfort one another."

He said he had gone to the professor's office to retrieve some of the women's missing items and had picked up a bra, pair of tights and black shoes. The professor had appeared "surprised and embarrassed". There was a bottle of whisky on the table and "there appeared to have been some kind of social occasion".

Shortly after escorting the women to the security office, a ruffled Professor Cottingham had approached him near the lodge. He had said: "Was there a problem? They were fine when they left." Professor Cottingham de-nies two counts of indecent

Susan Constable yesterday: found her own man

Dating agency 'kept finding Mr Wrong for lonely widow' By GILLIAN BOWDITCH, SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT THE widow had a clear idea

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of the type of man she wanted to meet for a new relationship: a non-smoker, ideally living locally, and able to take her and her children out for drives in his car. In her search for Mr Right, it seemed a good idea to join a dating agency which prom-ised to "take great care to study your individual

Instead, Susan Constable. 39, was offered a series of Mr Wrongs, a court was told yesterday. They included six heavy smokers, a man who could not drive because of his bad eyesight, and finally a

man who lived almost 200 miles away and was scared of driving. When she says that the agency Initial Approach can-celled her membership and Mrs Constable, from Greenloaning, Perth-

shire and small claims action for her £376 fee. Her husband Peter, a surveyor, died three years ago from a brain tumour. leaving her with two children. Mrs Constable told Stirling Sheriff Court that the divorcee who ran the agency. Sandra Menoni, 47, had been

charming when she joined.
"I filled in the form and said I wanted a non-smoker or an occasional smoker who lived near by or was prepared to drive to see me." She was sent about 14 profiles of potential companions, met five or six, and had a short relationship with one. "None of them was the kind of man I was looking for, and I don't think I was what they wanted either. I was offered six who were heavy smokers, another who lived in the north of Scotland and said he was too

another had such bad eyesight that he couldn't see to drive. They were sending me details of men I had nothing in common with."

A proportion of the membership fee was for social gatherings at which clients could meet. Mrs Constable said that she was unable to attend a Burns Supper because the weather was too bad and police were advising Mrs Menoni refused to refund the cost.

Mrs Constable, who represented herself in court, said: "I started in January last year and by August I had had enough. I asked

them for a pro-**6** They sent portion of my money back, but me details they sent me a lener cancelling of men I membership. She alleges that the terms of the contract were nothing in unfair because the company common membership of with 9 anyone

deemed unsuitable without of-Kinross, is now bringing a fering a refund. Sheriff Robert Younger heard that Initial Approach is being investigated by the Office of Fair Trading after a complaint. In its leaflets, the company says: "Initial Approach will take great care to study your individual requirements, considering the information you

gave us in your personal profile." Tom Murray, for the company, said it had fulfilled its obligation to provide four introductions over a year. The agency had made it clear that some were smokers.

The case was adjourned until August 12. Outside court, Mrs Constable said: "I hope if I win, it will encourage everybody else who is unhappy with the service fight back." She now has a relationship with a man she

Women shoppers attacked by Rolex robbers

By STEWART TENDLER

THREE businesswomen on a trip to London were attacked by a gang of "Rolex raiders" as they returned to their holiday flat from shopping in Harrods, Scotland Yard said

yesterday.

One of the women was dragged along the ground as the robbers ripped a Rolex off her wrist. Another of the women was also attacked for her watch. The other woman

escaped attack.

The gang fled with a Rolex watch worth £7,000, a second Rolex worth £2,000 and a handbag with 5500 in cash. Their victims were treated for bruises, cuts and shock.

Scotland Yard has already warned shoppers in central London about the dangers of wearing expensive jewellery and watches in public places. Since last September there have been 250 attacks in central London, often involving gangs stalking victims. A team of 40 officers is working on the attacks.

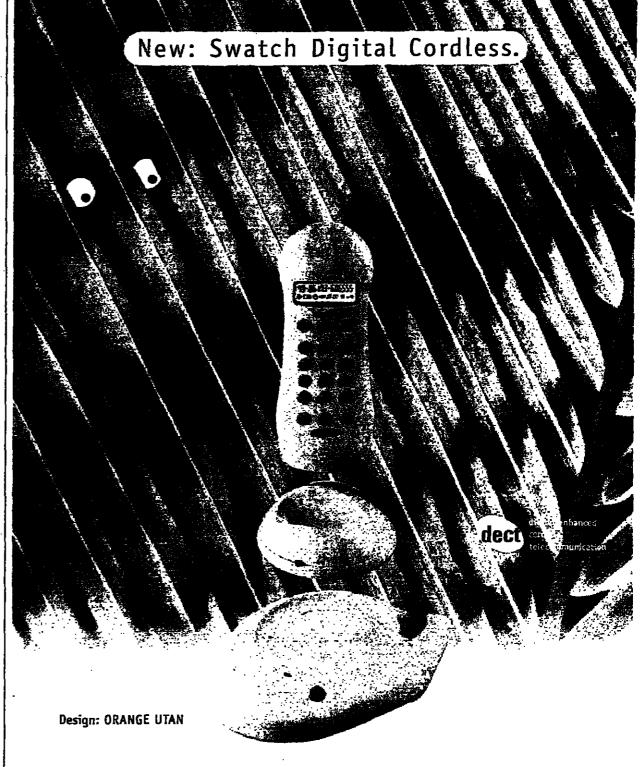
In the latest robbery, two of the women are middle-aged and the third is in her twenties. The women, who were all Asians, came to London on holiday and business and stayed at the flat of friends in St John's Wood. The attack happened after the three women had spent Sunday afternoon shopping in Knightsbridge. They spent several hours at the Harrods sale and then travelled to Queensway for supper.

Police believe the women were probably targeted on the Underground at Queensway. The gang of five or six youths followed them on the Tube as they headed north. When the women got out at St John's Wood station, they came after them. As the women turned into the car park of the flats. the gang pounced. As they ran off, they discarded outer clothes to disguise themselves.

Four men were later arrested at South Hampstead railway station after police were alerted by a passing driver. Yesterday detectives said four men had been re-leased on police bail, and appealed for witnesses.



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Britain promises action on beef at home and abroad

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN STRASBOURG

BRITAIN promised the Euro- mined to crack down hard on pean Union yesterday that it exports in breach of the worldwide ban, but also gave warning that it would block imports from the Continent that failed to meet British standards.

Jack Cunningham, the Agriculture Minister, made the points to the European Parliament's BSE committee at a conciliatory session that broke with the hostility that coloured. the previous Government's contacts with the body. Douglas Hogg, the previous minister, refused to come to answer the committee's questions. "We are totally committed to

the principles of openness and transparency." Dr Cunning-ham told the committee. which applauded his remarks. Lavishing compliments on key members, he also invited the committee to visit Britain.

Tackling the fraudulent sales of British beef, Dr Cunningham said: "I am deter-

anyone who runs risks with Minister had agreed to give new powers to British enforcement authorities to put an end to illegal traffic, he said, "We are looking at very sophisticated, criminal fraud that has gone beyond the EU itself." The Government announced

on Monday that it was closing

two meat processing plants. Word this month from the EU Commission that British beef was being illegally exported triggered a new wave nent towards the United Kingdom. Politicians and the media are accusing the British authorities of conniving in the

illegal exports. The EU Commission is planning legal action against London for the alleged failure to apply adequate controls. Emma Bonino, the Com-

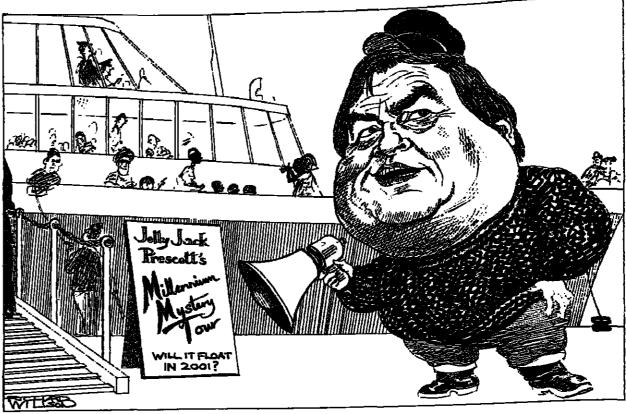
missioner for consumer safe-

ty, said that some 1,600 tonnes

of beef had gone to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Poland, Equatorial Guinea, Egypt and Dr Cunningham confirmed

that the new Government would not withdraw an action against the EU's worldwide ban at the European Court of Justice. "It's going to be an important test of the legality of At the same time, Britain

expected the rest of the EU to live up to the standards that it had set for it. Spain, Germany ing a move by the Commission to enforce the same slaughterhouse measures on the removal of suspect material on the Continent as applied in Britain. Dr Cunningham denied earlier reports that he planned an outright ban on imports but said he would "ensure that imports have been given the same ricorous treatment on the removal of specified materials as beef in the UK".



Prescott launches river bus scheme

By JILL SHERMAN

JOHN PRESCOTT is championing a proposal for ten new piers and seven new boats on the Thames to secure a lasting river bus system as a legacy of the

Deputy Prime Minister, who is determined to revitalise the Thames, is keen to ensure that the new service fares better than its predecessors, which failed through lack of cash. The piers are expected to be from the Millennium Experience, but Mr Prescott is also hoping for local authority money and private sector sponsorship. Some of the piers are to be

built close to London's finest restaurants, such as the Savoy and the Oxo Tower on the South Bank, and Mr Prescott is expected to call at their door for sponsorship money. The service will be primarily targeted at tourists and the Deputy Prime Minister is proposing to use throughticketing to link the river to other forms of public

The river bus will start at London Authority.

Battersea Power Station and go to Greenwich village and possibly on to City Airport. Two piers are already planned for The Globe theatre and the Millennium Experience site at Greenwich. But Mr Prescott has proposed eight other piers, to add to the existing 14. The new piers are proposed at the Tate Gallery, Hungerford Bridge. Black-friars, the Savoy, the London Bridge-New Fish Wharf, Battersea. the Millennium Wheel and the Oxo Tower.

Mr Prescott has had talks over the past ten days with the Cross River Partnership. London First and the Port of

Water companies warned on leaks

By NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

WATER companies were warned yesterday that plugging leaks will have to come before making a profit under the national water strategy being prepared.

Ministers told the companies, some of which lose more than 30 per cent of their supplies through leaks, that the maximum such wastage allowed under new legally binding rules will be set at 10 or 15 per cent.

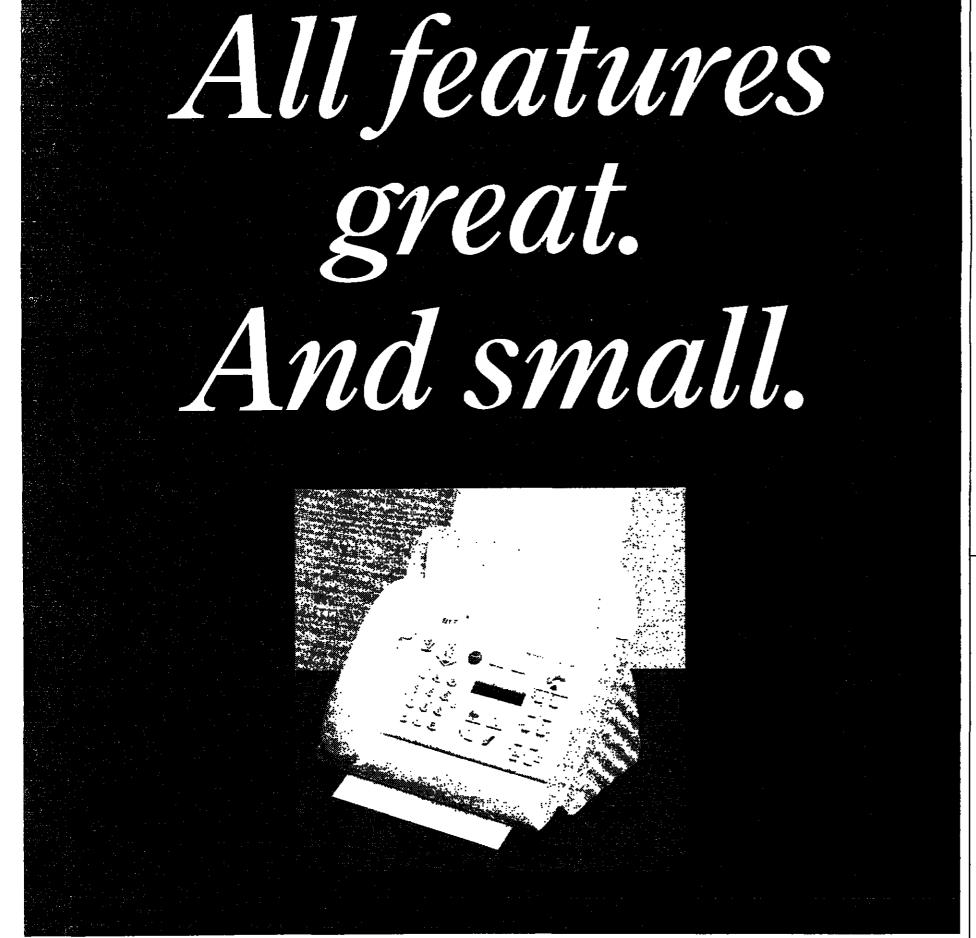
In a report published yesterday, the Office of Water Service's national customer council accused firms of putting shareholders before customers. John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said that the "scandal" of water losses and high profits had to end. He announced that water companies in England and Wales had agreed to the Government's ten-point plan, which includes offering a free leak detection and repair ser-

vice for customers' pipes. Of

the estimated third of water lost through leaks, about a quarter is from pipes that link company mains to houses.

He praised the companies for their greater efforts towards water efficiency in homes. But he said that if they chose to "waffle" rather than meet the 10-point plan the Government would use its "firepower". He said: "I shall be looking for sustained commitment.

Ian Byatt, director general of the Office of Water Services has been asked to set mandatory leak targets that will require the companies to re-



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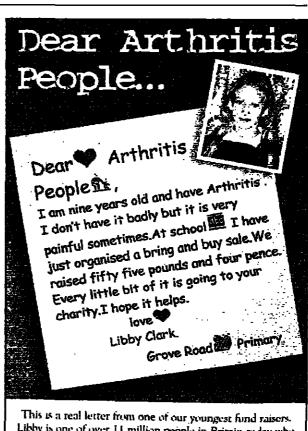
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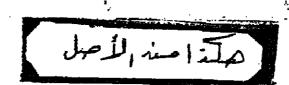
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Haughey's accountant blamed over £1.3m gift

The former Irish Prime Minister says he knew nothing about his personal finances during his time in office. Audrey Magee reports

THE former Irish Prime Minister Charles Haughey blamed his accountant yesterday for organising illegal payments of £1.3 million from a supermarket tycoon to support his lavish lifestyle while in office.

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At a hearing of a tribunal investi-gation into payments to politicians, Mr Haughey tried to absolve himself of any responsibility for the money. He said that he had entrusted all his personal finances to his accountant and friend Des Traynor, who died of

cancer three years ago.

Mr Haughey, an accountant by training and a former Finance Minister, said that he never questioned Mr Traynor about the source of the money that helped to maintain his Dubin mansion, racehorses, yacht and privately owned island off the coast of Co Kerry. Describing himself as a "quiescent" accountant, Mr Haughey said: "My private finances were peripheral to my life. I had Mr Traynor look after all that. My work was my lifestyle. When I was in office, I worked every day, all day. There was no room for an extravagant lifestyle."

Mr Haughey said that it was not until 1993, one year after being forced from office, that he became aware that he had received £1.3 million from Ben Dunne, the former chairman of the Dunnes Stores supermarket group. Mr Haughey said that no political favours were granted in return for the money. Mr Dunne said that he gave the money to help to clear Mr Haughey's debts because he "felt sorry for him".

The payments were made through an elaborate network of overseas bank accounts between 1987 and 1991 while Mr Haughey was Taoiseach. The final payment was made in November 1991 when Mr Dunne called to Mr Haughey's home on the outskirts of Dublin. Mr Dunne handed Mr Haughey three bank drafts totalling £210,000 and made out to fictitious names. Yesterday Mr Haughey agreed that the payments were made but said he did not remember receiving the money from

The appearance at the tribunal in Dublin Castle is a source of severe embarrassment to Mr Haughey, who for two decades refused to

evidence. Many queued overnight. Mr Haughey avoided media attention by arriving shortly after 7am, three hours before the hearing started. His Fianna Fail supporters applauded as he left the tribunal but

were quickly drowned out by crowds booing, hissing and shouting abuse. Mr Haughey, 71, apologised for lying to the tribunal and said that his

tax affairs were in order. He made an opening statement admitting everything but was nonetheless shamed when Denis McCullough, counsel for the State, displayed his letters of lies and denials. Only last week, after months of work by the tribunal, did Mr Haughey admit that he had received the money. Mr Haughey is now likely to face a

tax bill of at least £750,000. He could also be jailed, although that is unlikely. Political opposition parties are demanding a new inquiry into his wealth to establish whether anyone else made payments to him while he was Taoiseach. Allegations of corruption were made against Mr Haughey through-

out his political life. In 1970, he was acquired of conspiring to import arms for the IRA and in 1991 it was alleged, and denied, that he was a member of a "Golden Circle" getting rich on State assets. Mr Justice Brian McCracken,

chairman of the tribunal, is expected to file his report to the Government next month and the Dail will be recalled from the summer recess to discuss his findings.



Charles Haughey after giving evidence to the tribunal yesterday.

As he left Dublin Castle he was booed by angry crowds

Court convictions are rising, says prosecution chief

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Director of Public Prosecutions has responded to claims that fewer criminals are being convicted with new figures showing a substantial

The proportion of convictions after contested hearings rose from 55 per cent in 1991-92 to 60 per cent in 1996-97, Dame Babara Mills, QC, said. She was careful not to point the finger directly or to say Service was being wrongly blamed. But she added: "We can only prosecute such cases as we get from the police." She said that the mix of

cases had slightly changed. and that this year the CPS had received fewer less serious cases while the number of more serious cases had risen by 3 per cent.

Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and Sir John Morris. the Anorney General, have set up a review into the policies and procedures of the CPS because of concern over a fall in convictions. But CPS officials vesterday indicated that the blame for that lay at the door of police, who were bringing far fewer cases. Brian Spear, a senior CPS

dent on the police for the cases they bring to us — we can't bring cases out of a hat. So if the number of cases they pass The police "clear-up" rate

official, said: "We are depen-

to is falling, clearly we can take fewer cases forward." had dropped from 35 per cent of all recorded offences ten years ago to 26 per cent of all

recorded offences, he said. The CPS annual report. published yesterday, showed that 1.3 million cases were handled in the magistrates court, where a conviction rate was achieved of 75 per cent in contested cases. In the Crown Court, 114,540 cases were dealt with, with a 60 per cent

conviction rate. The CPS announced the findings of two pilot studies to fast-track cases through the courts. In Plymouth, after more than one year and an average of 24 child abuse cases, the time between charge and trial has been halved to some [3] days.
In the second, dealing with

minor traffic cases in Gloucestershire and Lancashire, the time from date of offence to concluding the court case has been halved.

Plenty of work awaits horde of new MPs

IT IS time for all those new MPs to do some work in Parliament apart from just voting. The select committees are, belatedly, being set up this week and more than 100 of the new MPs will serve on them, roughy 40 per cent of their total membership. There is plenty for them to do.

The committees have in the past made a virtue of their diversity, spending a long . time on in-depth policy inquiries at the expense sometimes of scrutinising administration and expenditure. Some committees, like Defence and Social Security, have been assiduous at the latter, but the

with a huge majority and a distant attitude towards Parhament should constantly be held to account by the Commons. The new committees might make a start with the multitude of reviews that ministers have amounced. While protecting the confidentiality of civil service advice, the committees should ask for papers on the options being considered. This applies particularly to the most important of them all, the comprehensive spending review. Individual departments are due to produce papers on their own activities by the autumn as part of the Treasury-run

There is obviously a particu-

lar role for the Treasury committee, which is likely to be chaired by the experienced Giles Radice it has a long possible agenda — the new arrangements for monetary policy and the Bank of England, the proposals for over-hauling. City regulation, monitoring how the money from the windfall levy on the utilities is spent, and revamping the Private Finance Initiative, let alone the single currency. But the committee should make a priority of the comprehensive spending review, seeking regular reports over the next year from Alistair Darling, the Chief Secretary, about the long-term cost of existing programmes and the options for savings. This will be a real test of the

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promises about opening up decision-making.

The Social Security Com-

mittee should look at the options on the pensions review and could turn the tables on its long-serving former chairman, Frank Field, over welfare reform. This committee contains several MPs who know a lot about these issues

 Patricia Hewitt, Chris Pond, Gisela Stuart and Mal-colm Wicks. The jumbo Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee nance into the London Underground (without calling it privatisation). The Foreign Affairs Committee should look at the allegations about collusion between British ministers and China over Hong Kong in the late 1980s, as well as enlargement of the European Union.

The committees' memberships are a good mixture of the old and the new, though it is a pity that the list includes only four of the 17 former members of the Major Government who are still in the Commons and not in the William Hague team. Several of the newcomers, such as Charles Clarke Tony Colman and Ruth Kelly on the Treasury committee, will quickly outshine some longer-serving colleagues. Diane Abbott has tried to

take in the gullible with her from the Treasury Committee. But that is nonsense since it is quite normal for people to move from one committee to another and she has been put on the equally important Foreign Affairs Committee. If the Labour whips had wanted to exclude potential critics, they would not have put Brian Sedgemore on the Treasury Committee But Ms Abbott who is regarded as tiresome and unreliable by most of her colleagues, is adept at gaining publicity for herself, particularly ahead of the annual elections to Labour's NEC.

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Foreigners quit Mongolia after murder of Briton

IN ULAN BATOR

LAST MONTH'S murder of a popular British aid expert in Mongolia has prompted some foreign residents to pack up and go home, while those left behind are plagued by nervousness and confusion.

Tim Jarman's death, aged 50, has dented the reputation of Ulan Bator as a relatively safe haven whose people are generally friendly to Westerners. Many people are avoidan agricultural consultant with the Asian Development Bank, spent some time on his last night alive. But one consultant said: There is

no panic, and only a few people have left, but others will continue to feel uneasy until arrests are made and they know what caused this tragedy." Mongolian police say that Jarman, who came from Bath, where his wife and two daughters live, was shot in his flat at about 3.30am on June 21.

small-calibre bullet that had entered his left temple. Reliable sources say the weapon was a sawn-off hunting rifle, but no trace of it has been found, ruling out suicide.

While some sources indicate that a video recorder was taken from Jarman's flat, where he lived alone, sums of money, credit cards and other valuables were untouched.

Rumours abound that the murder may have involved a Mafia-style killing connected with \$17.5million (£10.1 million) that the Asian bank

had disbursed here. Some speculate that Jarman might have detected official corruption in connection with these funds.

Other theories are that he may have been involved with a woman, foreign or Mongolian. But, although he had female friends and had escorted two of them to their flats before he died, he was not conducting any obvious relationship. "By the standards of most consultants, Tim Jarman was verging on sainthood," said one acquaintance. "He was not known to be involved with anyone. He was a perfect gentleman." A coroner's inquest into Jarman's death was adjourned in Bath on July 10. to allow for the funeral on July 25. Saily Jarman, his wife, said she was pressing the Foreign Office for a copy of the Mongolian police report. I am as much in the dark as anyone else.

but I have no reason not to trust the Mongolians. They have not been particularly informative, or helpful, but they have been very thorough," she said.

British-based firms gave most in US election

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX IN WASHINGTON

BRITISH-based companies, including BP, Glaxo Wellcome and NatWest, gave more money to the last American elections than companies from any other country, it has emerged as the row builds over foreign influence in the most expensive presidential race in US history.

American subsidiaries of British companies gave \$4.3 million, more than a third of the \$12.5 million injected by companies whose headquarters are outside the United States, according to the first detailed analysis of foreign donations. Three-quarters of the British money went to Republicans - who control Congress and are traditionally the party of big business and \$1 million to Democrats.

Using US subsidiaries to circumvent the ban on foreign donations to election campaigns is legal, but has become controversial as both parties have traded accusations of foreign influence. The Democratic National Committee announced in February that it would no longer accept campaign contributions from US subsidiaries of foreign

In February, President Clinton attacked the Republicans for not joining in the pledge. "They raise more foreign money. And we take all the heat," he said.

The Republican National Committee has said that donations from US subsidiaries are "perfectly legal" and has questioned whether the Democrats will follow through on Mr

Clinton's pledge. Brown & Williamson Tobacco, owned by BAT Indus-tries, was the largest Britishcontrolled donor, giving \$1,003,998 to Republicans and \$85,000 to Democrats, according to the study by the Centre for Responsive Politics, a bipartisan Washington research

The study, derived from Federal Election Commission data, identifies 128 US subsidiaries of 93 foreign-owned companies which gave money in the November 1996 elections. The top donors were US subsidiaries of Seagram, the Canadian conglomerate (\$2,189,720); BAT, and the Australian News Corporation

The list of donors is dominated by pharmaceutical companies such as Glaxo Wellcome (\$921.454); Zeneca (\$325,247): SmithKline Beecham (\$264,950), and media and tobacco companies. Legis-lation affecting all these indus-

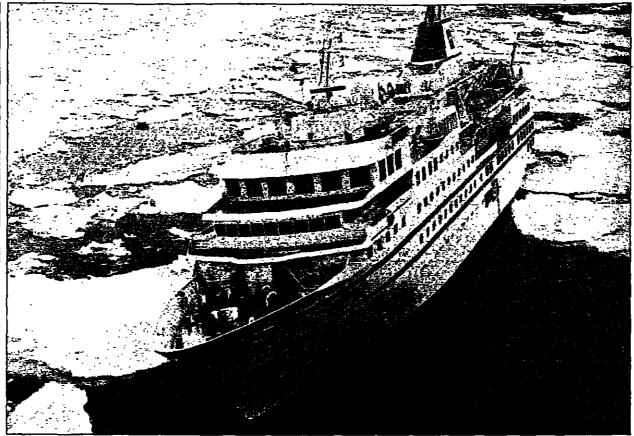
tries has figured prominently in Congress.
Other British-controlled

companies which donated cash include Holiday Inns (owned by Bass) which gave \$56,500; Blue Circle (\$33,000); British Petroleum (\$355,929); Cable & Wireless (\$75,000); Guinness (\$50,000); Grand Metropolitan (\$211,782); ICI (\$176,450); NatWest (\$130,000), and the Rank Organisation (\$80,000).

The report also shows that two Swiss companies — C S Holdings and Roche - ranked fifth and sixth, contributing \$507,100 and \$370,093. The Japanese Sony Corporation was the tenth largest, splitting its \$300,000 almost equally between Republicans and Democrats.

The row about campaign finance, which has enguised the White House since the last election, and to a lesser extent the Republicans, has centred on whether foreign governments or companies tried to influence the poll's outcome.

Direct donations by foreign governments, companies or individuals are illegal. But donations from US subsidiaries are allowed, provided that the US company makes the decision independently and supplies the money itself.



The German cruise liner Hanseatic listing after running aground off Norway's Svalbard archipelago

Luxury cruise captain aground again

By DEBORAH COLLCUTT

THE Norwegian coastguard last night had to abandon an operation to free a luxury German cruise liner stuck in thick ice after the captain ran her aground for the second time in a year.

Captain Hartvig von Harling stranded the 9,000-tonne Hanseatic in a fjord off the Arctic archipelago of Svalbard with 260 people, including 145 mainly German tourists. Ten

months ago the captain hit a sandbank in icy seas off the northwest Canadian coast, ending a cruise through the Arctic. This time his ship is wedged in an area where another vessel was stuck last

None of the passengers was hurt as the Hanseatic ran onto the rocks late on Sunday and there was little damage to the hull of the liner, which has 88 luxury suites. Elisabeth Aarsaether. spokeswoman for the Governor's office on Svalbard which is co-ordinating the rescue, said the liner was completely blocked in by ice.

Kaare Oyre, controller at the rescue centre for northern Norway at Bodoe, had planned to unload part of the ship's 480-tonne cargo of heavy fuel before attempting to drag her free, but three vessels involved in the operation had to pull out to avoid becoming trapped themselves.

He added that weather conditions favoured another rescue attempt today.

Bahamian-registered owned by Hapag a Hamburg-based shipping firm, was on its way from Norway to lceland via the scenic islands.

Captain von Harling reportedly told the coastguard that passengers and crew were in good spirits and a sightseeing tour of the surrounding is-

Milosevic elected Yugoslav **President**

FROM TOM WALKER IN SARAJEYO

SLOBODAN Milosevic was yesterday elected President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, comprising Serbia and Montenegro, securing for him another four years in power.

Mr Milosevic's intention to switch from the Serbian to the Yugoslav post had long been known, but the speed with which he accomplished his new status took most observers by surprise.

He was the only candidate and there was little opposition to his election in the federal parliament; in the lower house 88 voted for and 10 against. and in the upper house there were 29 for and 2 against.

The opposition movement Zajedno continued its boycott of the lower house and did not

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Mr Milosevic's Serbian Socialist Party pushed the vote through, with a split in the Montenegrin Socialists

looming.
Milo Djukanovic, the Mon-tenegrin Prime Minister and a moderate, is attempting to distance the party from its subservience to Mr Milosevic. but President Momir Bulatovic managed to keep the Montenegrins unified for Mr Milosevic's last stand.

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Maddox writes).
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should never have to choose between saving their health

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save their lives," Mr Clinton

said. Insurance companies say

Frankfurt: More than 6,000

German police joined a nat-

ional demonstration in Mainz

to protest against government

Police protest

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OVERSEAS NEWS

Hitler's favourite secretary dies

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUIT IN FRANKFURT

ONE of the few remaining in Henry-Dunant-Strasse in members of Adolf Hitler's private staff, who faithfully stood by him until shortly before his suicide in a Berlin bunker, has died of cancer at the age of 83.

Gerda Christian, Hitler's private secretary, outlived her Führer by 52 years and re-fused to criticise him publicly, saying to friends privately that he was a good and fair boss.

Frau Christian served Hitler until the closing days of the Third Reich and joined him in the bunker in Berlin where he killed himself with his new bride, EvalBraun, in 1945. Born Gerda Daranowski,

she married a senior Wehrmacht officer and was one of Hitler's privileged female members of staff, allowed to stay at his Eagle's Nest hideaway in Berchtesgaden, near the Austrian bor-der. She died in a hospital in Düsseldorf after a long battle against cancer which spread from her lungs to the stomach and bowel.

After a brief unhappy mar-riage, she lived apart from her husband and dedicated her life to serving the "Chief", as Hitler was known in close circles. She refused to give interviews to historians or journalists about Hitler and spoke about him only with close friends or family, when she would praise his kindness.

"What should I say?" she once asked a German journalist who called at her small flat

Düsseldorf. "Whatever I say will be wrongly interpreted." But she later told a friend: "I cannot complain about my time with the Führer. We were even allowed to smoke at a time in Germany when it was not the done thing for women

Ironically, a habit which Frau Christian later said saved her from the invading Russian Army eventually caused her long painful death. After more than 100 days in hiding 55ft below ground in the Berlin bunker. with the Allies advancing to-wards the capital from all directions. Gerda and Hitler's other secretary. Traudi Junge. eventually tried to escape.

Despite her dishevelled appearance, the attractive young blonde with sparkling blue eyes aroused the suspicion of a Russian soldier patrolling the area near the bunker. She was arrested and questioned for hours because the Russians believed that she was somebody famous or a member of Hitler's entourage.
But when Gerda took a

cigarette offered to her by one of the soldiers, dragged hard and inhaled the smoke deep into her lungs, she portrayed a different image. One of the soldiers said to the other that German high society don't behave like that," she later recalled, adding that they released her believing she was probably a local farmhand.



Gerda Christian, left, always praised her Führer as a kind and fair boss and remained with him until the last days in the Berlin bunker

Gerda befriended Eva Braun and in the early days, when Hitler had little time and interest in his girlfriend, would go on long walks with her or sit chatting on the terraces of Berchtesgaden. taking in the panoramic views

of the Austrian mountains. She rubbed shoulders with the Third Reich elite and their wives on the many occasions Hitler entertained in his Alpine retreat. It is said by Traudi Junge, whose memoirs

French journalists, that Gerda was a favourite of Hitler. because her looks typified his

ideal of an Aryan woman. He ordered her to leave the Berlin bunker and flee to the south to escape Allied troops. According to historical accounts, both she and Frau Junge refused to go, and later accepted cyanide pills from the SS leader, Heinrich Himmler. But Hitler was against them committing suicide, and in his final days told

cope without him. "If only our generals had been as brave as you," the Führer told his secretaries. By the time Hitler and Eva Braun died, the women had fled the bunker. Both succeeded in escaping

plans to raise the retirement age (Deborah Colleutt writes). Police officers are at present entitled to a full state pension at 60, but the Government wants to make them work an extra year. Yesterday's was the second demonstration organised by the police union in a week. Officers converged on Bonn last week on the day the 1998 Budget was signed.

Freedom pledge

Turkey has promised a delegation of Western journalists to release some of the 78 journalists in prison and to change the law to give them greater protection (Michael Binyon writes). Mesut Yilmaz the new Prime Minister, told Terry Anderson and others from the Committee to Protect Journalists that the jailing of journalists and restrictions of press freedom in Turkey were unacceptable".

Pacific conduct

Auckland: A rugby match in Tonga turned into a riot in which one of the Pacific king-dom's colleges was destroyed. leading to the arrest of 154 high school boys, the Tonga Chronicle reported. Petrol bombs were thrown, shots were fired and about £480,000 damage was caused at Tonga hv stri

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Eta names councillor as next murder target

FROM GILES TREMLETT IN MADRID

SECURITY measures were being tightened yesterday lors belonging to the Popular Party of José Maria Aznar, the Spanish Prime Minister, as radical separatists threatened to carry out their second killing in a week.

"You are next," said graffin warnings in the northern town of Renteria, naming José Luis Caso, a Popular Party councillor in the area. His party said: it was taking the threat seri-

ing their security."
Señor Caso, 63, said that he was not scared. "I don't want to worry about it, because I know it is risky to defend certain ideas in the Basque country. Nothing is going to stop me thinking this way."

The moderate Basque Na-

tionalist Party, which leads the regional government, also gave a warning that Eta was planning to carry out more attacks on politicians. "It knows it has lost the war and only aims to create chaos,? Joseba Egibar said.

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A Spanish prison officer, Jose Antonio Ortega Lara, freed by police two weeks ago after being held captive by Eta ior nearly 18 months, revealed yesterday that the separatists considered the Prime Minister their principal target. They told me that they were desper-ate to get him," he said.

Senor Aznar, who survived an Eta car bomb attack in 1995, yesterday repeated calls for Eta's political ally, the Hera, Balasona party, to be isolated. Javier Mayor Oreja, the Interior Minister, said any asures to be taken against Herri Batasuna would have to be agreed by all parties in the Basque parliament.

Marches to protest against Eta's kidnapping and killing of Miguel Angel Blanco, the Popular Party town councillor, two weeks ago continued towns and cities across Spain yesterday. Millions had taken to the streets in Madrid and Barcelona on Monday night in the biggest demonstrations since the failed 1981 coup. While most protests

were peaceful, the backlash against Eta erupted in sporadic violence overnight in the Basque country, where Blanco was buried on Monday in his home town of Ermua. In San Sebastián, more than

1,000 anti-Eta protesters hurled eggs and stones at offices and a bar used by Herri Batasuna. People inside retaliated with petrol bombs, police said. At least two youths were injured and one person was arrested.

reported that protesters attacked two Eta sympathisers in an assault on Herri Batasuna's headquarters. Similar clashes erupted in the Basque capital, Vitoria, Gorka Martinez, the Heiri Batasuna leader, yesterday said his party was not glad Blanco had been killed. "We, more than anyone else, understand the family's pain," he said.

He blamed Blanco's death on a government refusal to meet Eta's demands that 500 prisoners in jails across Spain be moved to the Basque re-gion. He added that the Government was trying to start a witch-hunt against Herri Batasuna and its voters, and gave a warning of a "dangerous worsening of the situation".

José Miguel Latasa, a repentant Eta prisoner, yester-day called on Herri Batasuna leaders to give way to others, saying: They are taking us towards disaster."



Cook: London is target

Britain and Russia to fight mafia

Moscow: Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday completed details of an unprecedented intelligence-sharagreement between Britain and Russia to fight the spread of organised crime (Richard Beeston writes):

After talks at the Russian Interior Ministry, Mr Cook said the text of a co-operation agreement had been reached, which he hoped would be signed formally in the autumn when Tony Blair, the Prime Minister, is due to visit Moscow.

The agreement would formalise co-operation between police, intelligence services and customs officials, in particular to target the grow-ing problem of drugs trafficking and money laundering.

Russia is a main conduit for heroin from Afghanistan. Mr Cook said London was a particular target for Russian mafia money-launderers.

Blair vow on Cyprus peace By Michael Binyon, diplomatic editor TONY BLAIR yesterday to about 28 per cent of the

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which went better than diplomats expected. The two men land. The two sides will be

promised President Clerides of Cyprus that Britain would do all it could to bolster the United Nations talks to end the island's division and to speed its accession to the European Union.

The Prime Minister wel-comed the progress made at last week's face-to-face meeting between Mr Clerides and Rauf Denktas, leader of the Turkish Cypriots, and urged the President to continue moves to reduce tensions on

the island. The Downing Street meeting came as officials expressed optimism over four days of talks in Troutbeck, New York state, the first in three years, ing the Turkish area from 37

agreed to meet occasionally in Nicosia to resolve problems such as forest fires, looking for people missing since the 1974 Turkish occupation of northern Cyprus, and incidents on the green line buffer zone. They will hold a second round of constitutional talks in Switzerland next month.

Diplomats hope that, after the elections for the Greek Cypriot presidency next February, a further round of talks could be held to get agreement on a complete package. This would including the withdrawal of Turkish troops, a asked to submit proposed constitutions over the summer, which the UN special envoy will turn into a single negotiating draft. Diplomats said yesterday that the most difficult issue was the proposed return or

compensation for refugees, who had set up strong lobbies overseas. "All know that there will not be a wholesale return, and no significant numbers will go back in the short term," one source said.

The latest attempt at settlement comes amid rising

tensions along the green line.

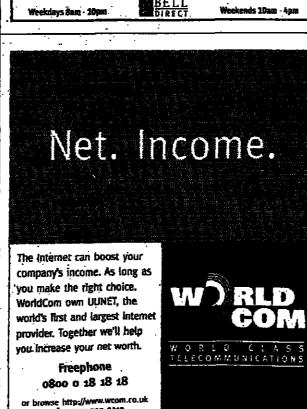
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Castro: investments in nickel and sugar

SADDAM HUSSEIN, the President of Iraq, and Fidel Castro, the Communist Cuban dictator, have been in-cluded for the first time this year in the recognised list of the world's richest people.

They join the Queen and the Sultan of Brunei in a special category released as part of the traditional survey of the financial elite by Forbes

Magazine.
Saddam, the fifth richest among kings, queens and dictators, is estimated to have amassed a \$5 billion (£2.9 billion) fortune from an oil smuggling operation run by

Senor Castro is thought to

investments in the sugar and nickel industries totalling \$1.4 billion. He is placed tenth, ahead of the Queen, whose wealth is projected at \$350 million, excluding the Royal Collection and the Crown Jewels, which are held in trust. Kerry Dolan, an editor at Forbes Magazine, said readers had constantly asked why the Sultan of Brunei, the

richest man in the world with \$38 billion, was not included in the list alongside business moguls such as Bill Gates, whose personal earnings from Microsoft have reached \$36.4

Traditionally Forbes has



Saddam: oil smuggling

state and other political pow-ers from the list, but we've had so many questions about them we decided to make a change this year," she said. We want to stress that the

from their political position. not their business acumen. That's why we have created a special category. Saddam's fortune, which

total worth before the Gulf War. But he and Señor Castro remain more affluent than British members of the busi-



Fahd: \$20 billion wealth

\$2.1 billion; David Sainsbury, billion, and Sir Anthony

Bamford, chairman of JCB construction equipment, a new entry with \$1.3 billion. The instability in the Mid-

tions continues to place an embargo on the legitimate flow of oil from Baghdad. The average per capita income for

his population has dropped from \$2,300 to \$1,000 in seven

For a man who regularly criticises the capitalist West. Señor Castro has made a steady profit from his impoverished country since the 1959 revolution. Apart from industrial assets, he and Raui, his brother, own numerous palaces and hotels in Havana and

outside. There has also been

widespread speculation about

money that the Cuban leader

may have made from drug

dam. In the case of Senor Castro, however, the magazine has only been able to Among others included on

the special register are Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands. whose royal assets net \$4.7 billion; King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, with \$20 billion, and President Suharto, the far from Democratic leader of Indonesia, on \$16 billion.
Leading Hong Kong businessmen Lee Shau Kee, chair-

man of Henderson Land, and Li Ka-shing, the property and retail entrepreneur, head the

Israelis split over plans for festivities in 1998

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internal divisions between Israelis about what events

At the same time, Western providing finance.

Almost no one emerged

official document outlining the plans, of Israel's Arab citizens million population - is a April. Taleb Sana, an Arab legislator, argued this was not enough.

came 48 hours before Mr Netanyahu is due to attend a celebration on the occupied Golan Heights to mark 30 years since the territory was conquered from Syria, which Israel accuses of openly encouraging Hezbollah violence. ☐ London: Yassir Araiat yesterday held talks in London with Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, to discuss the Palestinians' application for membership of the organisation (Glen Owen writes). Membership of the Commonwealth is currently restricted to independent states, but the group will hold a summit in Edinburgh in October to consider membership rules.

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ELABORATE plans to celebrate next year's fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of Israel have provoked deep would be appropriate.

intelligence experts have said that the main celebrations next May are likely to prove the focus for intensive terrorist attacks on Jewish targets in Israel and abroad. It is feared that spectacular attacks, including a return to air and ship hijacking could be in-volved, with Iran and Libya

satisfied from a heated meeting of the Knesset's Interior Committee at which planners unveiled proposals for 12 months of celebrations including a fashion show at the Red Sea resort of Eilat. The programme would culminate in an international economic conference presided over by

Prime Minister, in November. Deputies on the committee European and Middle Eastern Jews and Israeli Arabs. Critics claimed that the plans reflected a long-standing bias in Israel to Western culture.

The only mention, in the about one fifth of the 5.8 "salute to minorities" in the Druze village of Horfeish in

Yesterday tension escalated on Israel's northern border after Hezbollah guerrillas fired a Katyusha rocket across the border from south Lebanon a day after Israeli shelling killed two Lebanese civilians.

The new upsurge of violence



fears over joint space ventures

By Bronwen Maddox and Robin Lodge

NASA reacted coolly last night to the suggestion that Michael Foale, the Britishborn American astronaut on board the Russian snace station Mir. may have to carry out repairs to the stricken complex in place of the flight commander, who is suffering from an irregular heartbeat.

The repairs, to reconnect power cables severed on June 25 when Mir collided with an unmanned cargo craft, were postponed indefinitely yesterday to allow doctors to assess the condition of Commander Vasili Tsibliyev, who com-plained of cardiovascular problems on Monday. The Russian Mission Control doctor told the commander yesterday to take sedatives and medicine to stabilise his

heartheat Mr Foale has been trained

performed the tricky manoeuvre, Nasa said yesterday. The agency said repairs might be left until a relief crew arrives in early August.

Debbie Rohn, a Nasa

spokeswoman, said yesterday that the past three weeks had deepened the agency's "close working relationship with the Russians. She added that, for both sides, safety of the astronauts was a priority, and that Nasa had not yet decided whether to replace Mr Foale. who is due to return to Earth in September.

But the cool response cast new doubt on long-term collaboration between the two countries in space. Scientists and members of Congress have been asking whether the Russian space programme has fallen so far behind in technical capability and fi-nances that joint efforts are



worthless or even slowing down the United States. For 15 years after the launch of Sputnik in 1957, the American and Russian space programmes raced each other in putting men into space, with

virtually unlimited funds. Eventually, the costs of attempting ever more demanding feats prompted collaboration. Since the collapse of the Soviet Union, the United States has been keen to contin-

Repairs to Mir might have to wait until next month Russian rocket engineers in Russia and out of North Korea," according to John Pike, space policy director of the Federation of American Scientists.

But Russia, short of funds and scientists, many of whom have emigrated to America. may now not be able to afford even collaboration. Launch of the International Space Station, due last November, has been put back to June 1998 because of Russian delays.

Missed heartbeats caused by stress

THE palpitations which dis-turbed Vasili Tsibliyev, the disease, aortic stenosis or 43-year-old Russian space- cardiac failure. Usually mulworried and steepless on Friday night, judging from his own description and the reassuring remarks of the control doctor, were almost certainly the result of extra systoles. As the doctor said: "You have to calm down - healthy people

often have this problem." Ventricular extra systoles, also known as ventricular or premature or ectopic beats, are usually thought of by patients as missed beats and are the most common form of cardiac arrhythmia. In this form of abnormal heart rhythm, one beat is followed quickly by another in rapid succession and both beats are slightly unusual; after them there is a long compensatory pause before the next beat, which is rather stronger than

Commander Tsibliyev's heart would have been thoroughly checked to exclude the

to anxiety, stress, insomnia, caffeine or alcohol. It will have been reassuring that the Mir commander's ECG, taken after he noticed his palpitations, revealed no underlying

abnormality and was within normal limits. There are possible complicating factors. Commander Tsibliyev's heart has been subjected to more prolonged strains than anticipated. The exercises designed to counter-act the ill effects of weightlessness have had to be modified to conserve oxygen, in short supply since the collision. Oxygen lack could also uncover any previously undetected weaknesses in

Tsibliyev's cardiac reserves. This alarm raises the question as to whether it is wise to send 43-year-olds into space for prolonged trips.

DR THOMAS

Chinese election system 'is fair to all'

FROM REUTERS

THE Hong Kong Govern-ment yesterday fended off attacks on its plans for the first legislative election under Chinese rule, saying it was not meant to limit representation

of the pro-democracy camp. Nicholas Ng. the Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, said regardless of which electoral method was used, the populist Democratic Party could command all seats if it won

"If the community's aspirations are all uniform and everyone supports the Democratic Party, it doesn't matter which system you choose. They will grab all the seats," Mr Ng said. His comments follow at-

tacks on the government after last week's unveiling of electoral methods for Hong Kong's legislative election which will be held next May. Under the plan, Hong Kong will dump the first-past-thepost method for the 20 seats of the 60-seat chamber to be directly elected from geographical constituencies, opt-

representation system. The territory will be divided 49 into five constituencies, each with three to five seats depending on the size of population. In the last legislative election in 1995, the territory was divided into 20 smaller constitvencies, each of which was allocated one seat.

the new system have predicted that pro-democracy parties are unlikely to repeat their strong 1995 showing in which they won the largest bloc of seats in the ousted colonial assembly. The assembly was replaced by a provisional chamber upon Hong Kong's handover to China on July 1. Under the new electoral plan, functional constituencies

will return 30 seats, while another 10 will be elected from an election committee formed with 800 permanent Hong Kong residents from different

STUTTAFORD in spacewalking, but has not common causes of extra sysue joint programmes "to keep Generals executed in purge of royalists following Cambodian coup

FROM TOM FAWTHROP

IN THE wake of last week's coup, in which Hun Sen. Cambodia's Second Prime Minister, took control of the country, between 35 and 40 royalist military officials, bodyguards and party activists have been summarily killed by his army loyalists and soldiers of the victorious CPP-Cambodian Peoples The Cambodian Government

has confirmed that six leading royalist military figures - includ-Norodom Ranariddh's chief of intelligence, General Chea Sambath, deputy head of military

intelligence, General Ly Sen Hon and General Sam Norin - have Prince Ranariddh was the coun-

try's First Prime Minister until he was ousted last week during two days of fighting in Phnom Penh while he was in France.

A Western observer summed up the new killings by saying that the

six were either shot while in military or police custody, or were killed while being taken into custody.

The Government has accepted that Ho Sok, who had sought sanctuary in the Singapore Embassy in Phnom Penh, was forced to leave the building, then immediately arrested and shot while being

held in custody at the Ministry of the Interior. An investigation has However, government sources

have claimed that General Cheu Sambath committed suicide. According to a CPP military com-mander. General Sam Norin, royalist, another was killed "because soldiers got very angry"

after they had been hunting for him. They surrounded him and opened fire.-In the capital, several hundred

Funcinpec (royalist) MPs, human rights activists and opposition journalists are still in hiding ☐ Election date Cambodia's next election will be on May 23, Hun Sen said in an interview. (Reuter)





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Royalty builds a new empire in Manhattan

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

MANHATTAN is awash with blue blood from around the world. Thumbing its nose at America's republican heritage, the island now boasts more kings, queens and princelings per square mile

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than any other place on Earth. New York's charms - lashings of easy money, a fawning reception from the natives, superlative restaurants and shopping, and even anonym-- have ensured that the city is home to more royalty than it knows what to do with According to New York magazine, the following live in the city: Crown Prince Pavios

and Princess Marie-Chantal of Greece; Princess Christina of The Netherlands; Prince and Princess Alexander Romanov of Russia; Prince and Princess Nikita Romanov of Russia; Empress Farah of Iran; Prince Osman of Turkey; Princess Yasmin Aga Khan; and Prince Amon Nyabongo of Toro, in Uganda. The latter, a burly member

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of "New York's finest", is a policemen on the beat in Brooklyn, and his "proudest moment" was to appear once: on the Oprah Winfrey Show. The rest are costume jewellers, art dealers, property developers and publishers. Many, of

The city also boasts a float-

ing population of royals wholive or rule elsewhere, but jet in and out for a spot of New World pace and fun. The best known among them, naturally, is Diana, Princess of Wales, who has been to New York so often this year that people speculate that she might soon

take up residence there. Other frequent fliers include: Sarah, Duchess of York: Princess Margaret; Edward: Princess Michael of Kent; the Sultan of



Empress Farah: happy in the shopping capital

Brunei: Prince Albert of Monaco, and his sisters, the Princesses Stephanie and Caroline: Princess Firyal of Jordan; and King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain.

Hostesses vie with each other to have them to their Manhattan apartments, or to their homes in Connecticut and Long Island. Charitable organisations latch on to them: restaurateurs pose for photographs with dining royals, plying them with free champagne. Job offers pour in to the younger, impecunious

princelings.

Many royals are milking the adulation. Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia, for example, has launched her own perfume called E. The box is emblazoned with a gold crown, and has "HRH Princess Elizabeth" in royal blue.

Others have no need for cash. Prince Pavlos of Greece is, to put it bluntly, flush after his marriage to Marie-Chantal Miller, a duty-free heiress. Her father, a billionaire with private jets and a myriad mansions, is the kind of royalty New Yorkers recog-nised more readily when only money was king. Now, it seems, a crowned head from the Old World is worth as much as millions of dollars in a New World bank.



Crown Prince Pavlos of Greece and his wife Crown Princess Marie-Chantal with baby Maria Olympia. They join numerous other royals charmed by the Big Apple

Abandoned yacht found adrift in Bermuda Triangle

By Our Foreign Staff

a yacht abandoned and adrift in the Bermuda Triangle. Crew from HMS London. who boarded the 50ft German ketch Ruth in the mid-Atlantic last week were baffled to find clothes and personal belongings lying around the boat. and even a book open on a

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HMS London's captain. Commander Jain Greenlees, of Campbeltown, west Scorland, said: "We spotted the yacht about 300 miles from Bermuda, on the edge of the Triangle and she looked immediately strange. She had no sails and there were mooring ropes hanging over the side. When we got no response, we sent a small team to investigate."

Inside the yacht, clothes were lying on a bunk, an ashtray was overflowing with cigarette ends and a book was eft open as if someone was in the middle of reading it. Personal possessions, including a wedding ring and passports, were lying around the boat. Cmdr Greenlees said: "It looked as though someone had just stepped off it five minutes before, with every intention of returning. The first indication that it had been at sea for longer than that was when one of the team opened the fridge and was knocked back by the stench of rotting

The HMS London crew ascertained that the yacht belonged to a German couple

A ROYAL Navy frigate found in their 30s - Ralf Schilling and his wife, whose name is not known. They had sold their home and bought the Ruth second-hand, aiming to sail the world. Records showed they had sailed through the Bay of Biscay and past Spain to the Canary Islands last September when

the trail runs cold. Although it appears to have been adrift on the stormy Atlantic for ten months, the Ruth was in good condition. without a drop of sea-water on board. After 24 hours of cleaning and repairs to the rudder and sails, it was ready to sail to Puerto Rico, with a volunteer crew skippered by HMS London's doctor. Surgeon Lieutenant Suzanne Porter, 26.

When their navigational equipment and engine failed and they sailed into huge storms, the HMS London volunteers feared that they too had become victims of the notorious Bermuda Triangle, where ships and planes are reputed to have disappeared.

When the equipment started failing, we wondered if there was some sort of curve on the boat and it was quite spooky being in the Bermuda Triangle, but morale kept up and we came through it un-

scathed." Lt Porter said.
Once out of the Bermuda Triangle, the equipment started working again, and the Ruth arrived safely in Puerto Rico to rejoin HMS London on July 12.

Woman's lost cash returned by cabbie

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

A BRITISH woman aged 71 to the police. Rummaging wept with relief here yesterday through the bag, they found a when a taxi driver returned a piece of identification that bag with her life's savings to her after she had left it on the back seat of his cab.

Gwendoline Weeks, a retired nurse, moved to New York from London II years ago. With an eccentric distrust 'of banks, and a fear that her neighbours would rob her, she with her — a sum totalling \$32,859 (£19,500).

Late last week, however, she forgot her precious bag in a taxi driven by Qurbe Munir Tirmizi, 20, a Pakistani immigrant in his third week as a part-time cabbie.

After dropping Mrs Weeks off and driving some distance, he noticed the bag. Pulling over to check if it had an address, he was startled to find that it was stuffed full of

Mr Tirmizi, who is studying to be a jeweller, went straight

helped them to track down Mrs Weeks. Later the overjoyed pensioner said of Mr Tirmiz: "He's a very nice, kind gentleman. I don't think there's six like him. He's a

child of God. I love him." Turning down her offer of a reward, the taxi driver said: "I through my studies and suc-ceed in life.

Yesterday Rudolph uliani, the Mayor of New York, praised Mr Tirmizi as "a model citizen". He also revealed that Mrs Weeks had now promised to open a bank account

☐ Moscow: A tramp who found \$15,000 - equal to several years' income for most - while picking through a rubbish dump returned it to the owner and was rewarded with cases of beer, vodka and food. (AP)

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New drugs cut deaths from Aids

Washington: Deaths from Aids in America plunged by 19 per cent during the first nine months of last year because of the success of new drugs in treating the condition (Bronwen Maddox writes).

The fall to 30,700, compared with 37,900 in the first nine months of 1995, is also due to a slowdown in the spread of the HIV virus. Deaths among women dropped for the first

"We have entered a new era in the HIV epidemic, both in terms of treatment and prevention," said Dr Helene Gayle of the Atlanta-based Centres for Disease Control

and Prevention. In the past few months. doctors have begun cautiously to revise their view that infection with the HIV virus was a

The new drugs - protease inhibitors -- have shown more success than any previous treatments in halting the progress of Aids.

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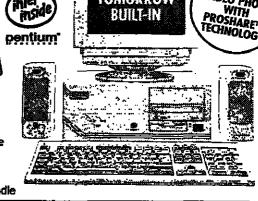
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Gianni Versace celebrating his 1995 spring and summer collection in Paris with model Claudia Schiffer

The man who combined beauty with vulgarity

be remembered as the most unabashedly sexual designer of the late twentieth century - the man who made vulgar and tarty into an art form. He once said that he liked women to look "very good or very bad ... in between just doesn't work", and he amply fulfilled this design philosophy. In Britain, his most famous

creation is undoubtedly the safety-pin dress which held Liz Hurley together so precariously at the première of Four Weddings and A Funeral. Other famous customers included Elton John, Bruce Springsteen, Cindy Crawford, Jane Fonda, and, latterly. Diana, Princess of Wales.

Breaking with the tradition of only wearing English designers, Diana wore several outfits by him when she visited Argentina in 1995. A shortsleeved pink suit and powderblue two-piece were chosen vative designs.

But there was much more to him than his celebrity client list. In the fashion world, the 50-year-old designer enjoyed a complex reputation. He was a masterful cutter, and when the late Diana Vreeland visited the young Versace in his workroom, she declared that no one could drape a dress like he could. Over the years, he has also been praised for his "operatic" use of colour, which sprang partly from his love of the theatre and spectacle. In the 1980s he even designed costumes for La Scala.

Versace's best designs had an opulent beauty. The clothes wrapped the body in a uniquely sensuous manner, creating strong strong silhouettes, and his plain column evening dresses, perfect little black numbers, and wonderfully cut jackets were objects of desire for wealthy women around the world.

Yet his designs often crossed the line into bad taste, with Versace appearing to relish the extra step. Joan Collins described one collection, which featured snakeskin print leather serpent dresses. as "tarts' clothes". His studded leather motorcycle jackets teamed with silk blouses and pleated skirts evoked all the glamour of a gangsters' moll. ages is of Linda Evangelista,

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Gianni Versace turned glitz into an art form. But he was also a masterly cutter, says Style Editor Grace

printed all over with pictures of Warhol's Marilyn. There is even a matching bag, with a gold chain handle.

But if some questioned his Southern Italian style, Versace did not seem to mind, caring most for the opinion of his sister II years his junior. Her style credo was, Less is not more. Less is ... less," and she also er's love of leather.

The bond hetween them was extremely strong.

of design. Her diminutive blonde looks were an inspiration to him, and she is credited with encouraging her brother heels and ignore the cries for good taste. She now designs her own line, Versus. Despite

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his flamboyant style and success. fashion remained for Versace a family concern. His brother Santo handled the business side, and Gianni himself started out as a designer and buyer for his mother's dressingmaking studio. From 1972 to

'He is a ing Italian fashion symbol houses including Genny. His formed of the his own company success of showing his first Italian lowed by his first fashion' menswear in 1979. Always acutely

conscious of the both emotionally and in terms commercial, he launched a Versace's creations for men

were no more restrained than his womenswear. His most famous designs include silk shirts featuring South Beach motifs. Pop Art graphics and prints inspired by the Italian

himself, however, favoured more conservative dress. He sometimes appeared to view himself as a sort of Renaissance prince holding court at his palazzo by Lake Como. The Medusa head, featured in his shops and was an insignia of the Renaissance.

His forays into patrician style notwithstanding. Versace's style remained, for the most part, glitz. He was one of the first designers to pay models £10,000 a show, and once paid Christy Turlington £50,000 to ensure her exclusive appearance. Fittingly, his above the swimming pool of the Paris Ritz.

In the fashion world yesterday, shock was the most common reaction to news of his death. Two years ago, Versace had fought off cancer. It was thought that his best years might still be ahead of him. This was clearly in he said yesterday: "The news of Gianni Versace's death has left me in a state of shock. ed and he worked so hard. He had overcome a very serious disease with strength and dignity, embracing life with energy and a tremendous desire to accomplish things. Gianni Versace, together with a handful of names symbolises the success of Italian fashion."







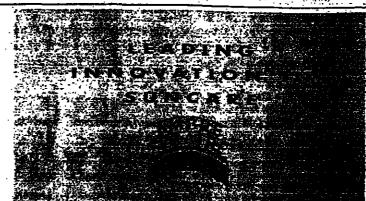




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Tongue-tied + Anorexia + Premier puzzle

Have children become shyer, or is the world just more talkative?



lame is the currency of modern life every week throws up a new culprit a new victim. True, this week's winner is not new to the game. Parents consistently score high on the culpability count. And working parents—those who cannot be blamed for expecting the state to support them—are, ipso facto, found guilty for just about anything you'd care to

This week's choice is shyness. A conference in Cardiff has announced that in the first instance shyness in children is increasing, and in the second, that working parents who don't have enough time to talk it, though. I was so shy all to their adolescent children are

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OF COURSE it's awful that

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to have anorexia, but the

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discussion is unbelievable.

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to say that the glossy maga-zines are to blame it is

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in such simple terms.

An apple is not so healthy

shy than used to (the conference cites a rise of 20 per cent) but that must be partly due to a change in outlook generally. Self-confidence, self-esteem, self-worth: these are concepts that map out the contemporary sensibility; years ago no one thought in such terms. A degree of reticence, of modesty was just good manners: now either is perceived as a pernicious lack of assertiveness, to

I wouldn't begin to try to make a case for crippling shyness. There is nothing to be said for it, other than that it is utter torture. One can get over through my childhood that I don't think I ever spoke out loud (except at school where I more people consider themself was resolutely un-shy to make

we so prize thinness — seeing it as a sign of discipline, a rigorous bent of mind, all the

modern virtues of exercise and abstinence - that we are

I was shocked when, a few

tour of schools to help pro-

more healthy lunches, Educa-

tion Secretary David Blunkett

sat down opposite a 15-year-old girl who was eating noth-

ing but an apple for lunch and

I'm sure many people agree.

with him. From the lack of

comment following his re-

mark, it's obvious that they

did. Does no one think that it

might be had for a 15-year-old

girl to have only an apple for

hunch, and what's more, be praised for it?

ing what's being said, a leader is flawed; but without heeding

his own instinct, a leader is

It rather reminds me of the

of Marathon Man, when

Laurence Olivier was purport-

edly amazed by the amount of

research gruesomely under-taken by Dustin Hoffman in

preparation for his role "I

should try acting, dear boy."

Without being too imperti-

he famously advised.

i call healthy."

blinded by admiration.

be cured rather than

commended.

up for it) and hated being spoken to. If anyone so much as addressed a question to me, I hated them and myself with a reddening vehemence. Children and adolescents

tend to be shy because they tend to be self-absorbed. My mother was probably quite right to tell me that my shyness was a form of selfcentredness. ("No one's interested in you anyway," she used to say. She was probably quite right, though I wouldn't recommend it as the best cure for the problem.) But there is such a thing as a normal amount of shyness: precocity and unstoppable garrulousness are not the most attractive characteristics in a child.

this conference points the finper at two sources: parents and relevision; too little of the former and too much of the latter. The trouble is, you could ask any number of parents of teenage children and they'd tell you that the reason they don't talk to their children is not because they're working too hard, but because their children won't talk to them.

One of the psychologists at

urely everyone remembers that age when any casual, kindly inquiry is an intrusion, when any parental presence is a resented intrusiveness. There is an age that children reach when all they want to do when they get in from school is slam the door and go to their room. The fact that many children have a weeks back while doing a television in their bedroom makes things worse. But when we just had stereos, we slammed the door and listened

to records instead. I'm not so sure it is even true that parents talk less to their was widely reported to have children now: it's just that parents weren't expected to be so wrapped up in their children said: "Now that really is what a generation ago. I do think the modern way is better, even if it appears emetically sentimental to those out of the loop. If a child feels its parents are interested in it, the chances are it will grow up confident and with a sense of self, that cannot preclude shyness but should

Now that really is what I prevent it reaching self-destruc-I concede that television can be a problem, but not because it makes people shyer and less able to communicate (the best ONE can hardly blame the leader needs to be a good :

Prime Minister for being sen listener without hear with hear without hear without hear without hear without hear with hear without hear with hear without hear without hear with hear with hear with hear without h way to learn a foreign language is by watching foreign hust h makes people feel shyer. Everyone on television, especially American television and even more especially, children on American television, are articulate, confident, never lost for apocryphal story from the set a word. Who wouldn't feel tongue-tied and inadequate by

The Princess's crossed wires

comparison?

IT'S HARD not to feel sorry for the Princess of Wales and even sorrier for her sons, plagued as they are by photographers. I wonder, though, whether the Princess would feel less persecuted if she weren't such an obvious victim of her own reliance on the presspack.

A bit of self-awareness, in place of self-justification, would indicate that to complain about press attention, while talking to a boatload of tabloid hacks wearing nothing but a swimming costume, is certainly giving a mixed message. That's the modern way, anyway, for explaining the behaviour of a tease.

Offspring at

is needed to draw a line under the story of the vicar who thinks that children should be banned from marriage cere-

It shouldn't really need to be pointed out to him that unsightly as many children are, they are what the vows he is conducting are all about. But then, I'm not surprised that some of the clergy are illdisposed towards children: when you come to think of it. many are not the marrying kind, either.

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"A good part of myself comes out when I'm teaching. I find myself being instinctual, intuitive, communicative and caring in a way that surprises me"

From geek to hero

into Evander Holyfield's ear. Jeff Goldblum was in the front row of the spectators, and doesn't mind telling you that he found the whole thing

"pretty exciting".
"Really fun." chirps Goldblum with a cheerleader's wraparound grin. Frankly, it's not what you expect from Hollywood's hottest intellectual property. Ever since he made his name as the bugeyed boffin in The Flv. Goldblum has cornered the parts. In The Double Helix he

played the scientist who discovered DNA. He was the mathema-On the tician who took uncalculated risks with raptors in Jusubject of rassic Park. Most recently, he saved his private the universe from marauding aliens life he is as a computer expert in Indepencordially dence Day and discreet wrestling theorems

and Tyrannosauri Rex with equal

Lost World. The great thing about sequels, of course, is that you don't have to spend time and money setting out your stall. Why bother the audience with a whole new plot when you can blow the budget on bigger, better monsters? It takes a brave man to talk with conviction of "motivation" and "character growth" in a part that boils down to looking very scared and running like hell from a computer-generated menace, but a career spent spouting cod-scientific theories has given Goldblum a thorough grounding in West Coast claptrap:

In Jurassic Park my character, Dr Ian Malcom, started out as someone who is of limited orientation, but I think that through the crises he's involved in, he becomes someBehind Jeff Goldblum's LA babble there lurks a genuine nice guy. Interview by E. Jane Dickson

one who's ready to sacrifice himself for something larger than himself. That's a classical kind of transformational line,"

explains Goldblum with no flicker of irony. He may be right, but the "transformational line" the audience is most likely to notice in The Lost World is that Goldbium has been upgraded from the geek in sensible shoes and a shiny red sports car. This is a break, not just for

Goldblum, but for the industry as a whole, for in today's mega-budget movie heroes, clever and sexy don't mix. For Goldblum, to recover the lost territory of Gregory Peck and David Niven, would be something of a coup.

unhappy."

would be neat," he agrees, blowing the whole aplomb in Steven Spielberg's deal with a single adjective. "It sequel to Jurussic Park, The was certainly enjoyable in this was certainly enjoyable in this movie to get to be the guy who was smart and active. Working with Steven |Spielberg| is always awesome but this was a very special experience. There is no doubting Goldblum's sincerity or his thoughtfulness, but his habit of speaking like a studioprepared press release gets in the way of his charm. It is as if, like his character in The Fly who got trapped in his own apparatus and turned into an

> Hollywood publicity machine and turned into Stepford Star. Maybe this is just what happens when an East Coast boy stays too long in LA. Goldblum was born in Pittsburgh in 1942, the third child of a successful doctor. In the past he has talked freely of a family where the children

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insect. Goldblum has some-

how become stuck in the

acting himself when he is were under constant threat of violence. "It was always a slap between films in LA. "Teachhere and a slap there," he told ing is a very humbling kind of

reporters last year. "I rememactivity, but I love to try and do ber feeling hemmed in, reit. A good part of myself. pressed, enraged. There were which I enjoy, comes out when beatings with belts and always I'm teaching. I find myself the threat of a beating. It was being instinctual, intuitive. communicative and caring in terrible and abusive. These days, although he doesn't deny his earlier outa way that sometimes surprises me." Certainly Goldblum's interpourings, Goldblum concedes that he may have "misstated, est in others, whether spontathe case. "I mean," he says

please, sets him apart from the smoothly, "there was a strugaverage celebrity interview. gle. When I got to be a teenager I had the common, He constantly solicits your opinion on everything from painful difficulties with my his reading material (Robert Hughes's History of Art in parents, but I don't think my America and Gabriel Garcia childhood was uncommonly Marquez) to the rewards of parenthood. But on the subject On graduating from high school he went to study acting of his own private life, he at Sandford Meisner's Neigh-

maintains a cordial discretion. Married for the first time at borhood Playhouse in New York, "Sandy transmitted the 23 to the actress Patricia Gaul, notion that acting was a very he met his second wife. Geena Davis, on the set of The Fly worthwhile, serious thing to and married her in a drivededicate yourself to," says Goldblum, who now teaches through ceremony in Las Ve-

gas. Divorced from Davis. he struck up an affair with Jurassic Park co-star Laura Dern.

When Dern left him for the Oscar-winning actor Billy Bob Thornton, Goldblum was said to be devastated but now, he says "being single really feels OK". And Goldblum, it seems. has had it with high-profile

relationships. "I've had a little experience. and because of that experience I've got a strong feeling to keep my romantic personal life undisplayed," he says, falling once more into the curious

rhythms of Stepford-speak. tion to a close by the simple expedient of closing his eyes. Then, as if refreshed by a nanosecond's sleep, he jackknifes his oft 4in frame on the hospitality suite sofa and springs back into PR-on-Prozac mode.

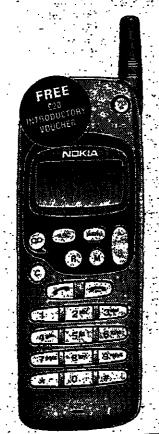
"it's not that I've been burnt by fame," he insists. "Fame is generally not unpleasant. And I'm grateful. Grateful is what I am. Yup." He stretches a yawn into a last, yard-long smile. "Actively grateful."

● The Lost World opens nation-



going wrong at every turn, is nent, perhaps one could sug-

an encouraging sign. A good gest try governing, dear boy.



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■ When a Princess and a grocer embrace, wait for the Punch line

orgive me — for I cannot help it if the buckling walls of my cerebral attic are stacked with millions of old pictures. upon one or other of which a shaft of moted sunlight will suddenly, unbidden, fall - but when I spotted those jolly fondlings aboard the good ship Sakara, there came into my head, willy-nilly, that scene in The Godfa-ther when Don Corleone, il capo di tutti capi, puts his arms around a close friend, and hugs him. You know that hug. It is the and hugs him. You know that hug, it is the hug which tells you that the hugger expects something from the huggee, which, if it is not delivered, will result in the huggee ending up as part of the New Jersey turnpike.

Is, then, the core issue now facing the bewildered nation this: who initiated the

hugging, Mr Mohamed Al Fayed, or the Princess, ie, which of them wanted something from the other? No, it is not the core issue is that both of them wanted something from the other. The hugging, therefore, was that even more intriguing item, a spontaneous mutual grab. I know this, because it would be well-nigh impossible to think of any two other people in the entire world who wanted things more. But what was it, in this case, that they wanted?

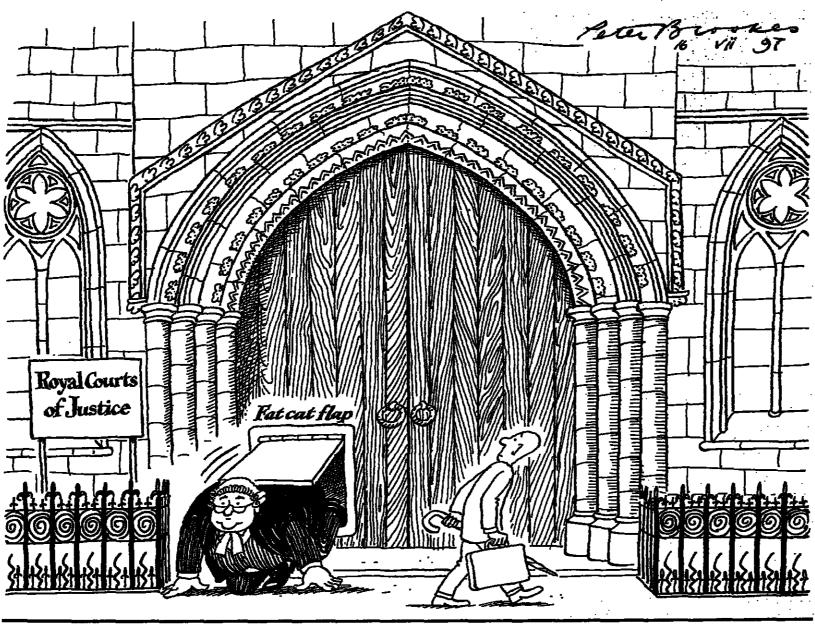
We all know what Mr Al Fayed wants, he wants to be Citizen Al Fayed; to which end, when formally frustrated by the Home Office, he made his bid for informal citizenship by snapping up large pieces of the nation's cultural jigsaw, from beloved traditional retail outlets and beloved traditional football clubs, to beloved traditional maga-zines and beloved traditional Members of Parliament. Indeed — though he chucklingly denies that the repainting of beloved traditional Hammersmith Bridge in the Harrods colours of green and gold had anything to do with him — he is even transforming the beloved traditional Depository beside that bridge into a community of 250 homes, to be called Harrods Village. Mr Al Fayed will soon have his own beloved traditional hamlet.

But, as yet, he doesn't have his own beloved traditional Royal. And if you are to become a truly major weaver of Britain's cultural woof — il Bottom, as it were, di tutti Botti - then you cannot do without the glint of gold thread which only a Royal can offer. That is why Mohamed is hugging Diana.

But what, precisely, does he want from her? He wants precisely what she wants from him. Isn't that lucky? It means that nobody will end up as part of the New Jersey turnpike. The Princess wants not only love. respect, admiration, and a whole new wardrobe, she also wants the homage of the public prints, especially if her face is on the cover. Now, there is only one certain way of assuring this, and that is to have a public print of your own. Yes, she needs to be the editor of something really knockout. And if it could be something traditionally beloved. that wouldn't hurt either.

I sense that you are ahead of me. You have suddenly remembered that it is almost ten years since Punch had as its editor a gorgeous fashion-plate, thus ensuring that it was not only traditionally beloved but also enjoyed big sales and made big bucks. But it has had seven editors since then, each less gorgeous than the one before, its sales have plummeted, and today the big bucks do not get made, they get spent. It is hardly more than a year since it was bought by Mr Al Fayed, since which time some ten million bucks have vanished where the sun don't shine. So then, might there be any way of turning this beloved traditional artefact around, and might that way also put smiles as simultaneous as their yachty hugs onto the faces of Mohamed and Diana?

Oh, I think we think there might, don't we? Any circulation manager will tell you that sticking the Princess's face on a cover puts 20 per cent on the sales, and if your second question were whether he would fancy handling a magazine behind which cover lay 200 pages of material known only to the Princess, and that every week there would be more where that came from, he would fall whimpering to his knees and inquire whether you knew Mephistopheles, because the circulation manager wanted desperately to do a deal involving his immortal soul. And you would reply, no, not personally, but I know a man who does.



What news from the Piazza

The Marx Brothers' satire, A Night at the Opera, shows First Class passengers on a transat-lantic liner strolling with brandy and cigars to the rear of the quarterdeck. There they look down on hundreds of Italian migrants packed into steerage, laughing, dancing, eating spaghetti, and applauding the Verdi arias of a stowaway tenor. The tenor, needless to say, is soon the star of the

At Monday night's gala to celebrate Covent Garden's two-year closure, I drifted between the Opera House and the Piazza outside, the Marx Brothers much in mind. In the Piazza, some 5,000 opera enthusiasts were camped out, watching Placido Domingo, Sylvie Guillem, Bryn Terfel and Darcey Bussell relayed on a giant screen. They picnicked on the cobbles, drank wine on the verandas, chatted in the cool evening and cheered as lights played on Inigo Jones's facades. This was an urban Glyndebourne, the opera of the boulevards.

Two thousand people in "First Class" round the corner in Bow Street looked miserable. They were tied up in dinner jackets like lobsters in a cauldron, an occasional claw breaking free to wave for air or a glass of champagne. Two decades of Britain's Great and Good were trooping their favourite colour before their favourite royal, the Prince of Wales. The event was strangely empty of emotion. Presented with 5,000 opera fans in the Piazza and millions on television, the Opera House inexplicably chose an act from Peter Grimes as its centrepiece, followed by a series of mostly sad arias. Sadness does not jerk tears when sung out of dramatic context. except when Domingo sings Otello. Nor does it broadcast well. The Royal Ballet had to save the day, with Bussell, Guillem and Viviana Durante lifting the evening from the stage and holding it in the required suspense. At the end, Sleeping Beauty faded gloriously from view, "the royal garden transformed into an impenetrable forest". At least for

To move between the jolly crowd outside and the subdued audience inside was to cross a time-warp. Outside was Nineties high-tech, sound and light, youth and the collective enthusiasm of the opera buff. Inside came to seem more and more like a filmset of the Austro-Hungarian empire. A crown prince and his aunt sat surrounded by

A night at the opera has always cost the earth - but now we have learnt how to bring Covent Garden to a wider public

courtiers, with Government officials and capitalist grandees in attendance. Footmen fluttered. Heads craned and sweat trickled. Who was sitting where? Who was that next to the Prince of Wales and Princess Margaret? Will the Majors talk to the Thatchers? Is that William Hague's girlfriend?

Back outside the irreverent camera panned along the Royal Circle and caught a phalanx of politicians standing to attention. The crowd let out an instinctive boo. Domingo and Bussell restored decorum by appearing on screen to salute the Piazza audience. Last year Angela Gheorghiu and Roberto na came out i

person after their Traviata to say thank you to the throng. It was a populist coup de theatre. Nobody from the Opera House thought to say thank you this time. Yet these were the fans of the future.

At such moments. wicked thoughts cross my mind. Why not preserve the Royal Opera House and redevelop its audience? By the date of reopening in 2000, every stick and stone of Covent Garden would surely be listable for preservation as industrial archaeology. The antique hangings, the lumpy seats, the cherubs, the stage rigging worthy of the Cutty Sark, must all be unique. Likewise the famous "Spanish practices" backstage. Where would the Opera House be without its traditional off-sick list, its Mickey Mouse payments and the carpenters on starvation wages"? Such relies must not

Monday's Great and Good, I thought. could be demolished and the doors thrown open with ease. Grand opera has never really been the British Establishment at play, more at dutiful prayer. Covent Garden is a modern "royal peculiar". Ever since its patron saint, Lord Goodman, persuaded successive Governments that subsidised opera mysteriously "trickled down" to

exhalt the taxpayer at large, a confidence trick has been under way. Those who like grand opera have grabbed what is now £15 million a year for their cultural tipple. I noticed that pride of placement on Monday went to officials and ministers, not to private wealth. The taxpayer remains the Great Sponsor. The audience should have been asked to sing the final aria from Fidelio: "The Minister of State is come to save us! Oh,

inexpressible joy!"

Yet all this is changing with closure.

The first change is nonsense. The Government is demanding that the Opera House improve accessibility by

> "affordability" correctness is a total waste. Subsidising a few tickets each night in a tiny theatre cannot qualify for £15 million of subsidy a year. I know who the beneficiaries would be. They are the people who sat in the Piazza.

most of whom are among the half million who have enjoyed subsidised £10 tickets over the past five years. These are buffs who can afford a ticket once or twice a year, and would now afford a third. They are not a dispossessed proletariat. That proletariat either hates opera or prefers to hear it on CD. Why a handful of people should be given opera tickets at half the going price of a good football match (£20) beats me.

Opera is not for elites. That is a fallacy disproved by recording sales and the Three Tenors. It is for the rich. What costs money is watching opera on stage in person. The only way subsidising such enjoyment can be justified is not through widening access to a single performance but through disseminating t. Dissemination took place on Monday in the Piazza and on BBC television. In his interval speech, the Covent Garden chairman, Lord Chadlington, promised more screen relays, more broadcasting, more recordings and cinema transmis-

sions. This is the necessary change. He

elsewhere."

will have a fight with his unions, who do not tolerate dissemination except for. prohibitive payments.

Covent Garden in the past has polluted the well of arts subsidy. It has

used specious arguments for its grants. and has wasted them when given. It tested the elitist fallacy to destruction. The place now has a heaven-sent opportunity to make itself the hub of a nationwide opera network, building on the customers in the Piazza, not the crush bar. Subsidy should not be used to whitehall by making ticket prices less "obscene". Grand opera is obscenely expensive. That is a fact. If poverty is the issue, subsidy should not bring the poor to opera, but take opera to the poor.

Covent Garden has some things right. It is not about to make Paris's mistake of building afresh and unworkable. The old is being updated, not destroyed True, the echoes of a thousand dancing feet are to be silenced, the rafters This heard. But the spirits of the place will survive. They will swirl round the old Piazza for a while, disoriented and forlorn. But their loyalty is to Covent Garden. In two years they will return to the same building, to reconcile the muse of song to new times.

> o let us be generous to the old guard. They also paid their dues. They fought as best they knew to save a portion of British culture. They deserve renovation, rather than redevelopment. When the Great and Good come back from their sabbatical, they can have a grand reunion. On can go the black ties and the royalty. Off can go the air conditioning. The champagne can be warmed, the footmen liveried. As the music dies, this fancydress audience should stand stock still. The doors will then open and in can nour the occupants of the Piazza, to admire their elders' endurance and

discipline. Books will record their deeds, the divas massaged, the unions bribed, the subsidies cadged, above all the art preserved. For the new Covent Garden is a triumph for the old guard as well as the new. When Darcey Bussell closed the final curtain, Beauty was only put to sleep. After £200 million has been raised and spent, she will awake. I hope on that day it is the same Darcey Bussell who uncurls her marvellous frame and kisses the drama back to life.

> ing she had a surprise in store, her office in London yesterday issued a semi-denial. Looking at the pictures of her in her motor launch making her original remarks to the reporters, it is noticeable that not one of them appears to have either a tape recorder or notebook

Never again

LIFE as a television talking head is not for William Dalrymple, the travel writer. On Monday night he was sporting a tandoori tan at the Turtle Key Arts Centre, in Pul-ham, at the launch party of Liberty or Death: India's Journey to Inde-pendence and Division, by his close friend Patrick French. The highlight of the evening came when a copy of the book was pro-pelled into the Fulham night from a clay-pigeon trap. Not that Dal-rymple, known at Cambridge as "Dribble", was to be humoured.

He has just finished work filming a six-part documentary on the Indian partition for on Channel 4. "It was awful," he said between puffs on a cheroot. I was up at five, then worked for 12 hours and managed to get only one hour's work completed - and that was pretty embarrassing. From now on I will stick to print."

Seduced by the Centre

Michael Gove on a

persuasive new analysis of Blairism

t is a curious Government that indulges a Prince's ideas but would prohibit his main pastime, allows le-year-olds to enjoy homosexual acts but not Silk Cut, and takes pride in SAS assassination but protests its foreign policy is moral. All the old tools of analysis seem obsolete when confronted with the Decean page of District the Decean active with the Protean nature of Blairism. neither Left nor Right, neither raucously populist nor stringently high-minded,

populist nor stringently ingranitated, puritan yet promiscious.

Never has a new leader so bedazzled since, well, since Margaret Thatcher. The differences between her and her predecessors left commentators struggling to identify what the was about gling to identify what she was about; liberal or authoritarian, radical or reactionary, class warrior or meritocrat?

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The clearest analysis of what Thatcherism was came from the Left. Her grasp of history and ideological purpose were, initially, better appreciated by a small group of Communists than by the mass of Conservatives. Marxists ruch as Swart Light Martin Jacobs. such as Stuart Hall, Martin Jacques and, most presciently, Eric Hobsbawm. understood the reasons for her success.

They were the first to appreciate how she would recast British society, the first, and best-placed, to realise how she managed her party on Leninist terms. In contrast, the mass of members of the Tory Party could respond to her only emotionally — they reacted to her guts deep in thems. deep in theirs.

Now, if you want to understand what new Labour is, as distinct from who it is, there is reason to look to the Right.

Marxists in the 1980s saw the Zeitgeist. and the Labour Party, desert them; but the theoretical skills they had developed enabled some of them to understand their opponent with uncluttered vision.

A generation on, one of the few consolations Tories adjusting to Opposition still have is a cadre of thinkers. MPs such as Oliver Letwin and David Willets, and academics such as Robert Skidelsky and Roger Scruton, have minds equipped to analyse Blairism, an absolute precondition of defeating it, or

at least providing a foil.

An early, and impressive contribution, to delineating the Blairite mind comes from the Tory think-tank Politeia in a new, and teasingly anonymous pamphlet, The Dominance of Centrism and the Politics of Certainty.

The pamphlet identifies one of the salient qualities of new Labour's discourse, "centrism". It finds its expression in the constant erection of rejects in favour of a snappy synthesis. In education, that means rejecting the old Left's notion of mixed-ability teaching in comprehensives and the new Right obsession with selection by ability to come up with schools still comprehensive, but with classes graded by ability.

The centrist position is supposedly attractive because it is the triumph of "common sense" over ideology. In the real world, however, ideology has triumphed over common sense. The centre occupied by Mr Blair now is very different from the centre of 15 years ago. Blairites argue they have changed because "the world has changed" but that did not happen by accident. Centres no longer hold because ideologues, from Keith Joseph to Charles Murray, have shifted the argument.

To balance and reconcile, rather than

to think from first principles, makes politics a process of calculation rather than a journey of conviction. The impression of strong leadership is, however, communicated by the "cen-trist" Government because, having identified the golden mean as the only path, there is no need to agonise about implementation, when one can simply order compliance. The Blair Government is capable of producing an Education White Paper which is much more ambitious in scope than anything tried by John Major because of the certainty at the top that the right balance has finally been struck. The progressives and free-marketeers have failed, so the right course is traditional

teaching, centrally controlled.

Would that it were so. There is no reason to doubt the Government's embrace of rigour and standards. If there's madness it's in their method. As Lord Skidelsky has pointed out the precedents for establishing central control of teaching in a free society are not encouraging. The only effective modernisers hitherto who have brought order to chaotic classrooms from their own desks have been Napoleon Bonaparte and Stalin. Both were, of course, in their own way strong men of the centre picking up the pieces after divisive

ideological experiments. Irony aside, both Skidelsky and the author of The Dominance of Centrism recognise that in education now, like industry in the 1980s, it is choice and the spur of competition which best guarantees excellence. The market has not failed education, it has never been tried.

The author of The Dominance of Centrism believes the suffocating certainties of a Government determined to order and regulate will create a demand for a party committed to phrralism. If his analysis of the durability of that demand is right, and nature abhors a vacuum, then the logical consequence is a Conservative Party of a more libertarian temperament, a party that will not regulate pleasures on fields or in bedroams, will not moralise abroad or cajole at home, but trust to the good sense of the lightly governed. If the pressure of political competition produced such a party, then true liberals, such as the author of this pamphlet. would find a home and a vindication.

Going, going and Duchess of Windsor and now

owned by Al Fayed.

Last week Al Fayed announced

that he would be auctioning off the

contents of the Windsors' old house at Sotheby's in New York in

September, with the proceeds going to children's charities. The

reason given was that, with four young children, his flat at the top

of the house was getting cramped

and he would need the space of the downstairs rooms, which he had

restored to their condition when

the Windsors lived there.

IN all the wild speculation about the future of Diana, Princess of Wales, one theory rears above all others, with the possible exception of that put forward above by my colleague Alan Coren. It links her, her sons's stated wish for her to move abroad, her promise, only semi-revoked, of a surprise in the next two weeks, and her yacht host Mohamed Al Fayed. Could the Princess be planning a move to Paris? Not just anywhere in Paris. but to the house in the Bois de Boulogne once home to the Duke



Diana: will she be moving in to the Windsors' old Paris home?



Michael Cole, Al Fayed's bullish spokesman, says the theory of the Princess moving in to the Wind-sors' old digs is phooey, the product of feverish journalistic minds in the South of France.

Those who are familiar with the thinking of the Princess and Al Fayed, however, say it would tickle the anti-Establishment instincts of both of them to install Diana in the former home of the greatest of all the royal exiles. What is more, Paris has the advantage over New York, the other place spoken of as a possible future home for Diana, in being close enough to London for her to see her two sons regularly.

. Gone

MIA Farrow, the actress and serial child adopter, is the latest victim of the notorious curse of Hello!

magazine. In the latest issue, the actress is photographed "Finding contentment at her new home in Ireland". The seven-page spread depicts Farrow and children in various states of rustic bliss in County Wicklow. But, no sooner has Farrow paid

homage to flat caps and Guinness than reports say that she has fled Ireland because her rural retreat is less of a retreat than a press conference, with reporters hammering on the door asking about her friendship with the playwright Tom Stoppard. The two have been spotted going for long walks



Perennial FEARING that his 88th birthday this week might be his last, the Queen's dress designer. Sir Hardy Amies, has decided to throw a party. More than 300 guests have been invited to view his autumn/ winter collection in Savile Row today, and a further 100 are request-

ed to attend The Old School

A source on the set of her latest

movie Miracle at Midnight, which was shot in Ireland, said:

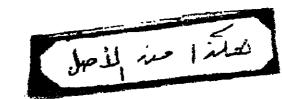
'Mia was extremely annoyed

when she discovered her privacy was being wrecked and decided it

was time to seek peace and quiet

House, his home in Langford, Gloucestershire, this weekend for cocktails. Yesterday the designer was being modest. "I wanted to do something because I might not be around next year. But it's all very low key — most of the guests will just be local gentry." One client who will not be sending Sir Hardy a card is the Queen. "Her Majesty never remembers me," he sighs.

• There may be a quite rational explanantion to the confusion over what exactly Diana, Princess of Wales, told the Royal reporters observing her holiday on Mon-day. Having been reported as say-



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SIXES AND SEVENS

The new grading of teachers will be too imprecise

Matthew Arnold, perhaps Britain's most famous school inspector, understood the problems of grading teachers even in Victorian times. Teachers, he said, "are the greatest gainers by a system of reporting which clearly states what they do and what they fail to do: not one which drowns alike success and failure, the able and inefficient, in a common flood of vague approbation". More than a century later, it is this culture of vague approbation that the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) is fighting against. Whether its proposed changes in assessment will help is another matter.

At the moment, teachers are graded by Ofsted inspectors on a sliding scale from one (excellent) to seven (unsatisfactory). The trouble is that inspectors are loath to award sixes and sevens. These grades necessitate a confrontation with the teacher concerned and extra attendance at the teacher's lessons. Worst of all, for some inspectors, is the thought of the consequences that might follow for the poor teacher.

As a result, only 88 out of 4,900 teachers inspected were given such a grade last year, according to the latest Ofsted report, less than 2 per cent of the total. Ofsted's proposed solution is to reduce the number of grades to three: with teachers who formerly would have been marked one or two in the top set, threes and fours in the middle, and fives, sixes and sevens at the bottom. The idea is that inspectors will be less reluctant to award the bottom grade where it is due.

Ofsted will continue to grade lessons on a seven-point scale, which will provide useful information to the head. But the blurring of distinctions in the teacher assessments seems to be a move away from the honest practices that Matthew Arnold praised. There is a difference, which should be recognised, between a teacher who is good and one who is excellent. It should also be possible to distinguish between one who is a

little worse than average and another who should not be allowed near a classroom. A headteacher needs to be told whether the inspectors think that a teacher's career can be rescued with a little remedial training, or whether it merits a P45.

If inspectors are reluctant to divulge this information. Ofsted's proposed solution is an admission of defeat. The problem should be soluble at source. If former teachers, who make up the bulk of the inspectorate, are oversympathetic, perhaps the lay representation should be increased. Ofsted needs to recruit more inspectors who share the Government's "zero tolerance of failure", and are concerned more about the children than the staff.

Certainly inspectors and teachers should be reassured that a bad Ofsted grade cannot alone destroy a career. Headteachers, who work with their staff day in and year out, should know them better than a stranger who sits in on a few lessons in the course of a week's inspection. An Ofsted grade can be a useful confirmation of a head's own assessment; but if it is undeserved, the head will be the first to know. The function of Ofsted, like that of a management consultant, is to reinforce what managers already realise or suspect, and to give them ammunition to make the necessary changes. To headteachers, the most useful reform

will be a streamlining of disciplinary proceedings for teachers, as outlined by Stephen Byers, the school standards minister, in May. He wants to see incompetent teachers sacked, and would like the time that this takes to be cut from an average of 18 months to six. Teachers' unions should welcome this move. If they want to be treated as a profession, they should be as intolerant of low standards as any other group of professionals. Only then will they be able to restore the professional pride and respect that teaching deserves.

THE COSTS OF DIVISION

Cyprus cannot maintain the status quo

For the first time for years there is a glimmer of good news from Cyprus. President Clerides briefed Tony Blair yesterday on his recent talks with Rauf Denktas, the Turkish Cypriot leader, saying that the Troutbeck meeting — assiduously prepared by the United Nations and British and American special envoys - had yielded encouraging results. The two men, former colleagues in colonial days, renewed their acquaintance in total seclusion. They made enough progress to agree to further meetings in Nicosia to resolve urgent humanitarian questions. And they will meet again for constitutional talks in Switzerland next month.

Given the repeated failure of earlier meetings, diplomats are wary of any talk of a breakthrough. But it does seem possible that this time they have got the formula right. Using the example of Dayton, they have eschewed palliatives and partial resolutions and have proposed a complete package for a lasting settlement. This includes steps to establish a bizonal, bicommunal federation, a redrawing of the map to reduce the Turkish area from 37 to 28 per cent, return or compensation for refugees and the withdrawal of the 36,000 Turkish troops. If the package were agreed, its implementation would be phased, with specific timetables for a referendum, the new constitutional arrangements and the troop withdrawal.

Harmonising the diplomatic efforts needed to get this far is in itself an achievement. Britain and America each appointed hard-headed former diplomats -Sir David Hannay and Richard Holbrooke - and the United Nations has turned to ■Diego Cordovez, the former Ecuadorian at too high a cost.

Foreign Minister who successfully negotiated the exit of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. They have co-ordinated the pressure on the two community leaders. making a walkout by either costly. They have taken advantage of the European Union's forthcoming accession negotiations to focus Cypriot attention. And they have made clear to both communities, especially to Mr Denktas, that the status quo is increasingly uncomfortable and untenable

Both sides must now submit draft

constitutions as a basis for the final round of negotiations after the Greek Cypriot presidential elections. The make-or-break talks come next year. Much could go wrong before then. On both sides there are hardliners and rejectionists: politicians such as former President Kyprianou among the Greek Cypriots and nationalist grey wolves" on the Turkish side. Public opinion is deeply cynical and can swiftly be manipulated if fresh incidents occur on the green line. Mr Denktas' commitment to a settlement is unclear, and he may believe that he can fall back on the alternative - a Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus ever more closely integrated with Turkey. And the Greek side has not renounced its plans to deploy Russian missiles, although diplomats believe that such a suicidal step is unlikely as long as talks continue.

Britain, with sovereign bases and a large UN presence on Cyprus and some 350,000 Cypriots living here, has a vital interest in a settlement. Mr Blair made clear yesterday that this country will underpin any measure to rebuild confidence between the two communities. Division has gone on too long.

GOLDEN OLDIES

A good excuse for a celebration

golden weddings. In glorious summer sunshine, a garden party took place yesterday at Buckingham Palace for some 4,000 fortunate couples chosen by ballot from among those who, like the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, celebrate their 50th anniversaries this year. Across the country, 36,000 other aureate couples have received a letter of congratulation from the Sovereign and her Consort. The monarchy shows itself to best advantage in such discreet yet munificent displays of national solidarity. What, though, are we supposed to be celebrating?

First, the institution of matrimony. Fifty years ago, there was anxiety about divorce, as hasty wartime alliances collapsed. Yet only one in ten marriages then ended in divorce, the figure has more than trebled since. There are many explanations for this change, not all of them self-deceiving; but those couples whose vows have stood the test of time have every reason to rejoice. They are likely to have married younger than most couples do today, but also to have lived longer than their predecessors: the first NHS generation has had a good innings. Though life expectancy will doubtless rise further, it may not keep pace with a falling birthrate, later nuptials and greater divorce. o it could be a while before we see so many

golden weddings again. We are also celebrating the postwar British renaissance. It takes an effort to imagine ourselves back to July 1947, even for those who remember. Attlee's Labour Gov-

We are living through a golden age for ernment tried to run a war economy in peacetime, and even bread was rationed for the first time. Shortages afflicted almost everyone: that July The Times, like other newspapers, was obliged to cut its size for the second time in a year, and in September women were urged to wear shorter skirts to save material.

It was no great summer for honeymoons abroad: exchange controls were draconian, while affordable air travel and package holidays belonged to the future. It had been easier to make a virtue of Britain's island status during the war. After the euphoria of victory had come disillusionment: building the socialist Jerusalem was an uphill task. and the Cold War had just begun. Amid Europe's ruins, dark visions of past and future were taking shape: Primo Levi's If This is a Man and Albert Camus The Plague appeared that year; George Orwell's Nineteen Eighty-four followed in 1949.

Yet 1947 was not a bad dawn in which to be alive: the year of the Marshall Plan and Dior's New Look; the year when American musicals hit the West End and Edinburgh held its first international festival. Even in the most straitened circumstances, to be young is very heaven. For those whose marriages have now ripened into old age, it

will always remain a year of grace. Last, but not least, we celebrate the lives and loves of the jubilee couples. Their children and grandchildren may not always follow their example, but the golden oldies remain an inspiration for the whole nation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Realities of power in Hong Kong

From Sir Robin McLaren

Sir. Jonathan Dimbleby's privileged and openly partisan account of Mr Christopher Patten's governorship of Hong Kong will no doubt give rise to many articles similar in tone to Simon Jenkins's, "The Governor, treason and plot" (July 12; see also letters, July 1, 7). Allegations of betrayal and Foreign Office conspiracies always make good copy.

I led the British team during the abortive negotiations with China about Mr Patten's electoral reforms in 1993. I supported what he was trying to achieve then, and have done so since. But these are not black and white questions. Time alone will tell whether the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong people, which are what matters, will have been reinforced or damaged by the bitter disputes with

China of the last few years. What is deplorable and offensive is the imputation that the ministers, governors and officials responsible for the handling of Hong Kong affairs before Mr Patten's appointment had no interest in the cause of democracy in Hong Kong, seeing it as a distraction from the proper business of cultivating good relations with China.

From the signature of the Joint Declaration in 1984 onwards a key issue for British policymakers was not whether to develop democratic institutions in Hong Kong but how to do so in a way which would not only meet the aspirations of people in Hong Kong but last beyond the change of sovereignty.

In the 1980s the Government's judgment was that that objective was best achieved by working so far as possible with the Chinese who were then drafting the Basic Law, a process which the Government quite properly wished to

Dimbleby revives the old charge that a sounding of Hong Kong opin-ion in 1987 was fudged, leading to the postponement of the first direct elections in the territory from 1988 to 1991. He argues in his book, The Last Governor, that if direct elections had been held in 1988, without Chinese agreement, it is "almost inconceivable" that China would have defied the world by openly dismembering a democratic process which . . . enjoyed widespread support in the community". Sadly, the only evidence points the other way: the Chinese have dismantled the legislature freely elected in 1995, despite strong international and Hong Kong

There is room for more than one view about how Britain should have handled its responsibilities for Hong Kong in face of the stark reality that China has always had the power to impose its will. It is important that the debate should be conducted calmly and objectively. Blanket charges of dishonourable conduct do not increase the credibility of those who make them.

Yours faithfully. ROBIN McLAREN (British Ambassador to China, 1991-94), Il Hillside, Wimbledon, SW19.

From Lord Hurd

Sir, The debate about Hong Kong seems in danger of getting out of hand. I know of no justification for headlines about betraval, treason or

It was possible honourably to advise ministers that in 1992 and 1993 we should negotiate in secret with the Chinese on the shape of the Legislative Council, and accept the most democratic arrangement to which they would agree, Chris Patten, John Major and I had a different view, which prevailed, I believe that we were right. But I did not and do not question for a moment the integrity of those who differed.

Yours faithfully, HURD, House of Lords. July 14.

Fruits of experience

From Mr Morcom Lunt

Sir, The 1957 Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition was documented in the 1958 book of the same name by Sir Vivian Fuchs and Sir Edmund Hillary. John Lewis was the expedition's chief pilot. When he was measured for his windproofs, the authors record that he announced gleefully: "I'm 42-44-46. Call me Pear!"

I would suggest that the phrase "going pear-shaped" now means an unwelcome, but not wholly unexpected outcome, such as a lean young man of 40-28-31 becoming 42-44-46. And, as previous correspondents have pointed out (letters, July 7, 10, 12), the phrase can apply equally well to all manner of human endeavour.

Yours sincerely. MORCOM LUNT. 7A Adams Road, Cambridge.

From Mr Duncan Bryson

Sir. My Dictionary of Word and Phrase Origins by Nigel Rees (Cassell, 1996) defines pear-shaped as: Out of control, chaotic. Because it is a collapse from the perfect sphere."

Yours sincerely. DUNCAN BRYSON, 109 Martin Avenue, Irvine, Ayrshire. July 12.

Bill of Rights and role of judiciary

From the Director of Liberty

Sir, John Mackenzie (letter, July 11) suggests that a Bill of Rights would not answer his client's problem about the unfairness of the courts-martial system. I am sure that the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law will not cure all our ills and that the rights in the Convention need to be improved on with a domestic Bill of Rights. Nevertheless the Government's proposal to incorporate it will contribute significantly to the protection of human rights in this country.

Whether the new system would have helped Mr Mackenzie's client will depend first on whether our judges are properly trained in the law of the Convention and are committed to make decisions in line with international human-rights jurisprudence.

Secondly. Parliament needs to ensure that the Act that incorporates the Convention is given sufficient status so that the courts can ensure that laws are applied without violating human rights. This may mean adopting the Canadian system, which preserves parliamentary sovereignty whilst pro-tecting rights. If Canadian courts have to resolve a conflict between their charter of rights and other legislation.

charter rights are given precedence. The statute is rarely struck down: instead the courts either "read in" the missing rights or make it clear that in the particular circumstances part of the statute no longer applies. Parliament can then choose to re-enact the statute, adding a clause stating that the provision applies "notwithstanding" the charter. Fortunately the Canadian Parliament rarely takes this

If this system had been in place Mr Mackenzie's client could have re-ceived the justice he deserved in the courts in this country.

Yours sincerely, JOHN WADHAM, Director. The National Council for Civil Liberties, 21 Tabard Street, SE1. July 11.

From Professor Peter Rowe

Sir, Whilst I have great respect for the views of John Mackenzie I do not feel that he has been entirely fair to the judges who, he comments, "go to great lengths to avoid disrupting state administration, particularly for some reason in matters involving the

Mr Mackenzie draws attention to Court of the Oueen's Bench Division in the Findlay case, where leave to apply for judicial review was refused. The point raised by Mr Mackenzie.

Smoking debate

From Mrs Jacqui Lait

From the Executive Director. Industry Affairs, of the Tobacco Manufacturers' Association

Sir, In the debate about tobacco advertising and sponsorship (report and leading article, July 14) under-age children, particularly girls, are as-sumed to be attracted by the lifestyles implied by the tobacco companies. I am afraid that is too easy.

Some children passing through

puberty use tobacco as a prop to help establish them as independent people to deal with their uncertainties and confusions and to challenge the grown-ups". If tobacco is made harder to obtain, they will replace it with something else that will still chal-

lenge the norms of adult society. While our tobacco duty remains so much higher than that on the Continent, and every Budget increases the differential, the smuggling and boot-legging of tobacco will continue to be hugely profitable. Children will continue to be able to get hold of tobacco

products cheaply.

History shows that the only way to stop smuggling is to take the profit out of it. If the Government seriously wants to reduce tobacco consumption. health ministers could be more usefully engaged in persuading their conmental counterparts to put up customs duties, rather than taking the easy but more high-profile option of banning advertising.

Yours faithfully, JACQUI LAIT (Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye, 1992-97), Leasam Grange. Leasam Lane. Rye Foreign, East Sussex. July 14.

Pay as you learn

From Dr Anthony Clayton

Sir. Obviously if universities charge tuition fees of £1,000 a year or more (article, "Payment by degrees", July 9). students from poorer families will face difficulties that are perhaps insuperable.

How about a National Scholarship Fund funded from the National Lotietv?

Yours-faithfully, ANTHONY CLAYTON, De Montfort University, Institute for the Study of War and Society, Polhill Avenue, Bedford. July 11.

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Human Rights in the Findlay case) so as to comply with it. In addition, the role of the judges in dealing with possible conflicts will need to be carefully considered. The judges have become involved in "disrupting" the administration of the Armed Forces in granting judicial review in one recent case, Ry Admiralty

concerning the role of the convening

officer in the court-martial proceed-

ings, was answered by Lord Justice

Evans (with whom Mr Justice Ofton

The position is that the convening officer

concurred) in the following passage:

here acted entirely throughout in accor-dance with the relevant statutory provi-

sions and rules. It seems to be, at least, that

there is no ground for alleging any breach

of natural justice against the procedures

The judges were faced with a clear

statutory provision. The issue is not, as Mr Mackenzie suggests, to deny the efficacy of a Bill of Rights, but to

ensure that existing legislation is

amended (as in the case of the Armed

Forces Act 1996 in the light of the deci-

sion of the European Commission on

when this was done.

Board of the Defence Council, exparte Coupland (1995). Yours faithfully, PETER ROWÉ (Head of the Department of Law). Lancaster University.

From Mr Richard A. Edwards

Department of Law.

Bailrigg, Lancaster.

Sir. I was rather surprised to read that John Mackenzie believes that a Bill of Rights will make little difference to the protection of fundamental rights and freedoms. Canadian experience under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms (1982) indicates otherwise.

Take for example the issue raised by Mr Mackenzie, courts martial. In Regina v Génereux (1992) the Supreme Court of Canada held that a trial presided over by the Judge Advocate violated the Charter right to trial by a independent and impartial tribunal. The Judge Advocate lacked not only security of tenure, but also financial and institutional independence.

Prior to 1982 the record of Canadian judges in this field was dismal. But in the fifteen years since the Charter was enacted the Canadian judiciary has made a conscious and successful effort to improve the protection of rights and freedoms.

There is no reason for believing that our judges cannot also rise to this

RICHARD A. EDWARDS. 60 Queen's Road, Devizes, Wiltshire. edwards@lawlinks.org

Sir, Your leading article yesterday land thus Mr Gerald Solomon's letter today commenting on it) stated that cigarettes can be legally purchased at lo. They can actually be purchased at any age. The law is concerned with their sale, which is restricted to the over-los. The law as it relates to alcohol, unlike tobacco, concerns both

seller and purchaser. Making 18 the age at which tobacco can legally be sold is no good in isolation, since controlling the sale of fireworks, scratch cards, lottery tickets and alcohol is difficult enough with no identity-card system to help retailers. Ask any shopkeeper.

Moreover, right now, young people can marry and start a family at lo. join the Armed Services at 17, get a driving licence at 17, be sold fireworks. lottery tickets, solvents and knives at 16. Being required to wait until 18 for the legal sale of tobacco seems anoma-

To reduce the incidence of teenage smoking, which is currently running at 0.07 per cent of the market, is a societal aim which should be shared by government, educators, parents, the tobacco industry, its retailers, and the youngsters themselves. It requires an holistic approach with no finger pointing solely at the industry.

Yours faithfully. CLIVE TURNÉR. Executive Director, Industry Affairs. Tobacco Manufacturers' Association. 55 Tufton Street, SWI. July 15.

'El Che' in Cuba

From Mr Maurice Baird-Smith

Sir, The return of the remains of Che Guevara to Cuba (World in brief, July 14) brings back vivid memories of the contacts I had with him in the early 1960s when I was director of an international oil company in Havana which was sequestered by the Cuban Government.

"El Che" was an out and out Communist who never hid his belief that we should be got rid of. To visit him in his office was an unforgettable experience. He sat in "battle dress" with two pistols on the desk pointing at me. He was always very courteous but left no doubt that he was dealing with an organisation which he felt the world could well do without.

Yours sincerely, MAURICE BAIRD-SMITH, Résidence de Croisset, 26 Boulevard de Rothschild. Grasse 06130.

Missing names from curtain call

From Sir Peter Hall

Sir. As you report today, the last night of the Royal Opera House on July 14 was a great celebration; but the heart sank when the speeches began.

The chairman of the development appeal (Vivien Duffield) thanked the past and present chairmen of the board and those who had given money to the building fund; the present chairman thanked the past chairman, the appeals chairman, the

audience, and finally the artists. But of the names of the three great administrators and general directors of the past 50 years - David Webster (1944-70). John Tooley (1970-88) and Jeremy Isaacs (1988-97) — there was not a mention. These were the men who, against all the odds and with the indifference of successive governments, have created a great institu-

The Royal Opera House wouldn't be there to rebuild if it wasn't for them, Webster with his vision, Tooley with his tenacity and Isaacs with his canniness have been true profes-

sionals in an amateur world. If you run a national institution you must, like Nelson on his column, expect the attention of passing pigeons. But you are entitled to a little named support from the home team.

Yours, (Director), The Peter Hall Company. The Old Vic. Waterloo Road, SEL

Classical acting

From Mr David Suchet

Sir. I am very aware that the standards of verse-speaking in our classical dramas are declining (report and leading article, July 4). Sadly nowhere is it more evident than in our major national companies, although I note that the Royal National Theatre is responding to the challenge (letter, July

Might I humbly suggest that the Royal Shakespeare Company, in particular, creates a postgraduate drama school where training in verse-speaking for actors who wish to act in classical repertoire could be most success-

fully undertaken. Originally the Guildhall School of Speech and Drama was intended to be linked with the Royal Shakespeare Company at the Barbican. This failed to happen. I sympathise with drama schools in that they have to produce actors for our modern world, but the lar, are our greatest theatrical heritage and part of any actor's repertoire has to be the skill of verse-speaking.

Yours sincerely.
DAVID SUCHET. do ICM. Oxford House, 76 Oxford Street, WI.

Cathedral closure

From Lady Bannerman

Sir, On arriving at Ely Cathedral yesterday we were told that this place of worship was closed to visitors (and those wishing to pray) for five days because there was a "Flower Festival". We entered, despite the protestations of the flower gatekeepers, only to find the place alive with flower arrangers.

A gaggle of flower police made an unsuccessful attempt to expel us, whereupon one of them shouted down the nave for extra support from a canon. This cleric duly barred our way, protesting that he was busy, Royalty was expected, and in any case he, as a canon of the cathedral, along with the bishop et al. did by law own the cathedral and had the right to close it at any time.

Now what was a convent-reared girl like myself to do? There weren't many money changers in evidence, but should I have driven the whole lot out of the temple? Should I have overturned the tables of the huge flower arrangements? Do we need another religious revolution? Count me in.

PRUE BANNERMAN, 3 St Georges Road, St Margarets. Twickenham, Middlesex.

Childrearing costs

From Councillor George Richey Sir. Your headline (July 10, earlier edi-

tions). "Sterilised mother who had baby wins £100,000", was faced on the opposite page, heading an article on the cost of bringing up a child, with "Why parents are £50,000 out of nocket".

An indication of future inflation perhaps.

Yours sincerely, GEORGE RICHEY. The Milncroft. West Felton, Shropshire.

Further to your letter

From Mr Roger Cookson

Sir. Please publish this letter. I am old, sad and unbearably lonely, and would derive maximum benefit (on all fronts) from an anonymous Fortnum & Mason hamper (letter, July 15).

Yours, in anticipation of imminent relief. ROGER COOKSON. 20 Temple Fortune Lane. NWII.

Forthcoming



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 15: Major General lain Mackay-Dick was received by The Queen this morning upon relinquishing his appointment as Major General Commanding the Household Division when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Commander of the Royal

Victorian Order.
His Excellency Mr Mohammad
Khodor and Mrs Khodor were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from Syrian Arab Republic to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency Dr Ante Cicin-Sain and Mrs Cicin-Sain were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador from the Republic of Croatia to the Court of St James's. The Governor-General of Anti-

gua and Barbuda was received by The Oucen. The Queen and The Duke of

Edinburgh gave an Afternoon Party in the Garden of Buckingham Palace as part of their Golden Wedding celebrations.

Her Majesty's Body Guard of

the Honourable Corps of Gentle-men-at-Arms and The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeoman of the Guard were on duty.

The Bands of the Life Guards

and the Royal Artillery played selections of music during the afternoon.
The Rt Hon Anthony Blair MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of

the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning held the judging of The Prince Philip Prize for the De-

signer of the Year at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness, Patron and Trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this afternoon attended a Luncheon at the Royal Automobile

Club, Pall Mall, London SWI. The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the Cottage Homes Dinner at St James's Palace.

The Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Baroness in Waiting) called upon The President of the Republic of Cyprus at the Hyde Park Hotel. Knightsbridge, London SWI, this morning and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed His Excellency on his Arriva! in

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Baroness Gould of Potternewton (Baroness in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Taylor of Gosforth (formerly Lord Chief Justice of England) which was held in St Paul's Cathedral this afternoon. The Duke and Duchess of Kent

Adamson,

succeeded Mrs Christian Adams as Lady in Waiting to Her Majestv.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE July 15: The Prince Edward, Patron, this evening took the Salute at the Royal Tournament. Earls Court London SW5. **BUCKINGHAM PALACE**

July 15: The Princess Royal Pa-tron. SENSE - the National Deafblind and Rubella Association, this morning opened the new building at Blackmarston School, Honddu Close, Hereford, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hereford and

Worcester (Sir Thomas Dunne).
Her Royal Highness later opened Ross Community Hospital Alton Street, Ross-on-Wye, and was received by Lieutenant Sir John Cotterell (Deputy Lieutenant of Hereford and Worcester). The Princess Royal this after-

noon opened Kidderminster Li-brary, Market Street, Kidderminster, and was received by Sir Thomas Dunne ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 15: The Prince of Wales, Patron. ActionAid, this morning attended a seminar on adult literacy and afterwards attended a Reception at St James's Palace.
His Royal Highness this after

noon opened the new Romano Gallery at the British Museum,

The Prince of Wales, President, Business in the Community, this evening attended the launch of "Principles of Corporate Com-munity Investment" at the Nat-ional Liberal Club, Westminster, London SWI.

KENSINGTON PALACE July 15: The Princess Margaret. Countess of Snowdon, Honorary President, the British Museum Development Trust, was present this evening at the Annual Dinner for Patrons and other friends of the Museum at the British Museum, London WCI. KENSINGTON PALACE

July 15: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Blackie Foundation Trust, this afternoon received Mr Robin Holland-Man tin. Vice President and past Chairman of the Trust.
The Duchess of Gloucester,

Deputy President, today visited the East of England Agricultural Society Show, Peterborough, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire [Mr James Crowden). YORK HOUSE

July 15: The Duke of Kent, Vice Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this evening at-tended the Annual Dinner at Claridge's, Brook Street, London

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE July 15: Princess Alexandra this afternoon opened the new St Luke's Nursing Wing at St Katharine's House, Ormond

by Mr Charles Parker (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Oxforshire).

of Facilities Management were

amone the guests.

11.00. The Duke of Kent will take the salute at the Royal Tournament, College of Estate Management

Earls Court at 7.15. Sir Idris Pearce, CBE, TD, DL, Goodacre, Principal, gave an The Chairman of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and the Chairman of the British Institute



Cherie Booth gets a congratulatory kiss from her father Tony after receiving an honorary fellowship yesterday from the John Moores University in her home city of Liverpool

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will then lunch with the Canadian High Commissioner and Mrs MacLaren at Macdonald House, Grosvenor Square, 1.00.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open a new computer suite at Bexley College, Belvedere, Kent, at 10.30: and as President, will attend a reception for the National Playing Fields Association's Schools Sports Award winners at St James's Palace at 3.00.

The Prince of Wales will host a reception for primary school head teachers at Highgrove House at 5.00. The Princess Royal, as Patron -

SENSE - The National DeafBlind and Rubella Association, will visit Group Homes, 71 and 79 Coriander Close, Northfield, Bir-mingham at 11.00; as President, Save the Children Fund, will visit Wood End Family Project, 24b Bretford Road, Wood End, Cov-entry, at 2.05: and will open the new offices of Central Television Studios, Gas Street, Birmingham, at noon,

Princess Margaret will attend a garden party to mark the f50th anniversary of the Royal Society for the Relief of Indigent Gentlewomen of Scotland, at the Palace of Holyroodhouse at 3.30. the Duchess of Glo

Deputy President, will visit the East of England Agricultural Society Show, Peterborough at

Princess Alexandra, as President of the British School at Rome, will attend a private view of the paintings of Sir Thomas Monnington at the Fine Art Society. New Bond Street, London WI. at

Dinners

British Museum Princess Margaret, Honorary President of the British Museum Development Trust, attended the Annual Dinner for Patrons of the Museum held last night to mark the opening of the Weston Gallery of Roman Britain. Mr Chris Smith, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Mr Gra-ham Greene, Chairman of the British Museum Trustees and Sir Claus Moser. FBA. Chairman of the Development Trust, were the

Royal Society of Medicine Sir Christopher Paine, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, yesterday, at 1 Wimpole Street, presented Diplomas of Honorary Fellowship to Lady Justice Butler-Sloss, Sir Kenneth Calman, Mr M.A.R. Freeman, Professor I. Isherwood and Professor

Symon the the society's gold medal to Professor Sir Richard Doll. Afterwards. Sir Christopher, accompanied by Lady Paine, pre-sided at a reception and dinner for the recipients. Among those

Reception

Luncheon

suites of gloves.

Prize

Ms Cherie Booth, QC Ms Cherie Booth, QC, was the host at a reception held yesterday at 10

Downing Street in honour of the

Glovers' Company Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS.

accompanied by Sir Denis Thatcher, was the principal guest

at a luncheon of the Glovers'
Company heid yesterday at Grocers' Hall. Mr Michael Down,
Master, presided and presented
Lady Thatcher and Sir Denis with
suiter of closes.

The Hawthornden

The Hawthornden Prize for Lit-

erature for 1997 has been awarded to Mr John Lanchester for his

novel The Debt to Pleasure. The prize was presented to him yes-terday by Mr Craig Brown at a

reception at the National Portrait Gallery. The chairman of the judges was Mr Derwent May.

Service luncheons

British Naval Equipment

present were:
Lord and Lady Soulsby of Swaffham
Prior, Lord McColl of Dulwich, Sir
Gordon and Lady Wolssenhoime, Sir
Gordon and Lady Robson, Sir
John Sir Donald and Lady
Pinker, Sir Donald and Lady
Harrison, Dame Deinlire Hine and
Sir John and Lady Dellow.

Foundation for Science and Technology Lord Jenkin of Roding, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Nigel Crouch, Professor Frank Blackler, Mr Graham Smart and Dr Andrew Rickman were the speakers.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Joseph Wilton, sculptor, London, 1722; Sir Joshua Reyn-olds, 1st President of the Royal Academy 1768-92, Plympton, Devon, 1723; Giuseppe Piazzi. astronomer, Valtellina, 1746: Jean Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1796; Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Church of Christ Scientist, Bow. New Hampshire, 1821; Otto Jespersen, authority on English grammar, Randers, Denmark, 1860: the Rev James Owen Hannay (George Birmingham), novelist, Belfast, 1865; Roald Amundsen, Polar explorer, Oslo, 1872; Trygve Lie, 1st Secretary-General of the UN 1946-52, Oslo, 1896.

DEATHS: Anne Askewe, Protestant martyr, burnt at the stake, Lonon, 1546: Anne of Cleves, 4th wife of King Henry VIII, London, 1557: Elijah Fenton, poet, East Hampstead, Berkshire, 1730;

Thomas Yalden, poet, London, 1736; Josiah Spode, potter, Penkhull, Staffordshire, 1827; Edmond de Goncourt, writer, Champrosay, France, 1896; Hilaire Belloc, writer, Guildford, 1953; Herbert von Karajan, conductor, near Salzburg, 1989.

Association
Viscount Younger of Leckie, KT,
President of the British Naval Equipment Association, Captain J.A.B.
Thomas, RN, chairman, members of Reinforced concrete was patented by Joseph Monier of Paris, 1867. Thomas, RN, chairman, members of the association and representatives from the naval industry were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday on board RS Hispaniola for overseas defence and naval advisers and attaches stationed in London. his family were murdered by the Bolsheviks at Ekaterinburg, 1918. The first atomic bomb was ex-ploded at Los Alamos, New Mexco, 1945. The Mont Blanc road tunnel attaches stationed in London.

RASC and RCT

The Committee and Members of the Royal Army Service Corps and the Royal Corps of Transport Officers Luncheon Club entertained Major John Tatham at luncheon yesterday at Mark Masons Hall, St James's. Brigadier D.N. Locke, chairman. presided. opened, 1965.

Retirement

Judge Lever. QC, retired on Mon-day from the Circuit Bench on the

marriages Mr C.J. Kemmore and Miss H.M. MacNaught The engagement is announced between Christopher, elder son of

Mr R.E. Greenwood and the Hon Gillian Douglas-Pennant

The engagement is announced between Robin, only son of Mrs Pamela Greenwood, of South Cadbury, Somerset, and the late Mr Peter Greenwood, and Gillian, elder daughter of Lord and Lady Penrhyn, of Littleton, Hampshire. Mr J.D.T. Beckett and Miss C.M. Lockwood

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Beckett. of Dunsfold, Surrey, and Camilla, daughter of Mr John Lockwood, of London SWI, and Mrs Hilary Lockwood, of South Holme, North

Mr D.J. Cockshott and Miss G.A. Ellis

The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Cockshott, of Broadstairs, Kent, and Gillian, twin daughter of the late Mr Richard Ellis and of Mrs Ellis, of Brecon, Powys.

Mr R.W.L. Cunningha and Miss F.A. Mackenzic

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Major and Mrs W.E. Cumningham, of Swythamley, Cheshire, and Fiona eldest daughter of the late Mr J.S. Mackenzie, OBE, and of Mrs Y.E. Mackenzie, of Elsrickle, Lanarkshire.

Dr A.C. Gray and Miss J.M. Moore The engagement is announced between Adrian, younger son of the late Mr Harry Gray and of Mrs Gray, of Plymouth, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clima Machael Plantford Kent Oliver Moore, of Dartford, Kent. Mr R.J. Wilkinson

and Miss K.A. Pye the engagement is announced between Robert, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Wilkinson, of Farnham, Surrey, and Katharine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Derek Pye, of Blackheath, Surrey.

Mr Stephen Kerumore, of London. and Mrs Anny Kenmore, of Verbier, Switzerland, and Hazel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William MacNaught, of Bearsden, Glasgow.

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Lieutenant J.D. Orme Smith and Miss K.A.M. Jones

and Miss K.A.M. Jones
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant James
Orme-Smith, Irish Guards, younger son of Mr David and Dr
Ann Orme-Smith, of Tadworth, Surrey, and Kimberley, youngest daughter of Brigadier and Mrs. Michael Jones.

Mr E.T. Scott and Miss J. Robinson

The engagement is announced between Edward Thomas, eldest son of Mrs A.M. Scott and the late son of MIS A.M. Sont and the late Canon E.G.S. Scott, of Ripon, North Yorkshire, and Jacqueline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Neil Robinson, of Melrose, Roxburghshire.

Marriage Mr H.A.T. Gell

and Mejuffrouw A.A. Bargpeter and Mejuffrouw A.A. Bargneter
The marriage took place on Saturday, July 12, at the Church of St.
John the Baptist, Stowe-byChartley, of Mr Hugo Gell, son of
Major Anthony Gell, of Enville,
Worcestershire, and Mrs David
Johnson, of Chartley, Staffordhim Mejuffrony Alida shire, to Mejuffrouw Alida Bargpeter, daughter of De Heer and Mevrouw Christiaan Bargpeter, of The Hague, Holiand. The Rev John Sterling officiated. assisted by the Rev Andrew Collins.

The bride was given away by her father. Mr Adrian Gell was best

A reception was held at Chartley Hall and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Earl Cadogan

A memorial service for Earl Cadogan, MC, DL, will be held at noon on Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at St Luke's Church, Chelsea, SW3.

St Bees School, Cumbria

The Governors of St Bees School, amounce the appointment of Mrs. Janet D. Pickering, BSc, to succeed Mr Paul A. Chamberlain as Head of the School. Mrs Pickering, who is currently the Deputy Head at The King's School Parterbury and is married with the present the school of is married with two teenage sons, will take up her appointment on January 1, 1998.

Mercers' Company The following have been elected officers of the Mercers' Company

for the ensuing year. --Master, Mr David Anthony Tate; Upper Warden, Mr Richard Kelso e Warden. Mi Philip Richard Withers Green; Renter Warden, Mr Richard Cawton Cunis.

Brewers' Company The following have been elected officers of the Brewers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr S.H. Wingfield Digby; Upper Warden, Mr C.J.R. Pope; Middle Warden, Mr R.H.B. Neame:

Renter Warden, Mr R.R.G. North.

Birthdays today

The Earl of Albemarie, 32; the Ven George Austin, Archdeacon of York, 66: Mr Alan Campbell-Johnson, writer, 84: Mrs Margaret Court, tennis player, 55; Mr Alan Donnelly, MEP, 40; Mr Frank Field, MP, 55; Professor Sir Hugh Ford, FRS, mechanical engineer. 84; Sir John Freeland, QC, former legal adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 70; Mr W.B. Howard, former deputy chairman, Marks and Spencer, 71: Miss Shirley Hughes, author and illustrator, 70; Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe, 82; the Ven Dr Harold Lockley, former Archdeacon of Loughborough, 81; Mr Thomas Megahy, MEP, 68; Mr Inomas Megary, McF. bs; Mr Edward Miller, FBA, former Mas-ter, Fizwilliam College, Cam-bridge, \$2: Lord Prentice, 74: Professor Sir Philip Randle, FRS, biochemist, 71; General Bernard Rogers, former Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, 76; Mr T.G. Rosenthal, publisher, 62; Mr J.J. Warr, former president, MCC, 70: utive, Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, 52; Lord Westbury, 75; Sir George Young, MP. 56; Mr Pinchas Zukerman, violinist, 49.

Elections

Mr Colin Methyen has been elected President of the Insurance Institute of London; Mr Dieter Losse has been elected deputy

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presented Diplomas in Arbitration and Facilities Management to

students of the College at a ceremony in London yesterday.

Mr John Parry, Chairman of the College, presided and Mr Peter

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DEATHS AMERIC-MERCAL - Violet. Much loved wife of John and mother of Tricia on July 13th aged 53. Service at Mortake Crematorium at 10.30m, Friday morning July 18th. MARSHALL - On 8th July 1997, to Charlotte (née Millar) and Fraser, a son, Charles Joseph. ALEY - Major Norman (Joe)
REME died 13th July 1997
after a short limess aged 77
years. Funezal Friday 18th
july 1997 1pm at Hendon
Crematorium. No flowers,
but donations if deshed to
The Anny Benevolent Fund
via Kenyons Funezal
Directors. Tel: 0181 445
1651. MATZLER - On July 3rd to Hilary (née Thompson) and David, a son, Michael Lionel, a brother for Robert and PERCY - On July 4th to Patrick and Panelope, a daughter Helen Olivia.

and Penelope, a daugnter Helem Olivia.

RAIPH - on june 30th at home, to Bryony (née Reid) and jeiffrey, a son, Alexander Robert, a brother for Alism and Emily, 12th, in Los Angeles to Jane and John, a son Stannin Jey. SCOTT - On july 13th 1997, at The Portland Hospital to Samancha (née Hinckley) and Alexander, a daughter Homer Rosemary.

SHENCH MOMARMHED - Asia: on july 9th at The Portland Hospital to Shahnaz and S. Mehasanulla, a son and brother for Fathern.

DEATHS GALE - Dora née Ware, wife of the late Ivan Gale, on 3th fuly 1997 at Queen Mary's Lodge Nursing Home, St Leonards-on-Sea, Funeral Service at Beckenham Commercian on Public 25th Engard to take place on Jaco Leonards-on-Sea, Feneral Service at Beckenham Crematorium on Priday 25th july at 12 noon No Howers please but domations to an Animal Charity of choice.

GARLT - Lady Margaret Elle. Peaceafully at Dunedin Roopital, Reading on 12th july aged 90. Much loved and sadly missed by her neice and great neices, family and friends. Fuseni Service on Monday 21st july 2pm at The Church of St Many and St John, Newtown, followed by interment in Scotland. Family Howers only, domations if desired to The Church of St Mary and St John cho JH. Kanyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, London W2 401.

HARDINGE - On 14th July, George 3rd Baron Bardings of Penshurst at the Compress Hospital, Hostings after a short illness. Husband of Mangaret, Ether of Julian, Hugh, Dane, Edward and Charles. Crementer at Restbourne on Wednesday 23rd July at 230pm. Family Howers only. Domations if desired to St. Michael's Hospice c/o Mummery F/D 31 Devonshire Rood Bankill-on-Sea. Tel: 01424 730418.

HAWRES - Phyl On July 11th 1997 weddenly at home in

Sea. Tei: 01424 730418.

MANWORDS: Phyl On Duly 11th
1997 suddenly at home in
Great Missemden. Widow of
8111, beloved and loving
Mother of David (decessed)
and Sally, Mether-In-law of
leary and adoord "Georgie" to
lames. William Estry and
Allice. Funeral service at
Amesaham Commotoium on
Padday July 18th et 2:30pm.
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RUSHES - Pencefully on July 14th 1997 at Broughial Hospital, Aberystwyth. How of Swamston, Penglais Road, Aberystwyth. Lowing husband of Mabel, father of Bethan and Alway, Ather-inlaw of Linda and devoted grandpa of Helen and Gareth. Punctal Service at Aberystwyth Crematorium on Friday July 18th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations in Hen for Camer Research may be given to W.H. Daniel & Son, Punctal Directors Mill Street, Abbrystwyth. Abstratevyth.

LAVEMETON EVARES - On July
14th, Barbara, aged 93, Much
loved mother, grandmother
and great grandmother.
Memorial Service at Raise
Church at 3pm, Saturday
July 19th. Flowers to church
or Funeral Director, Authory
James, 30 Lion d'Angers,
Ford Road, Wiveliscombe,
Somerset.

family and his many friends. Funeral to take place on Wednesday, July 23rd at Lodge Hill Crematorium, Bizaningham at 230pm. No flowers please. Donathons to St. Mary's Hospice, 176 Raddlebam Road, Sally Park, Bizaningham E29 7DA.

MANN Alastair. Died peacefully on July 13th 1997 at Wheatfield. Much loved husbend and friend of Dismey and father of Endney and Michael Funeral private.

and Michael Funeral private.

MARTIN - Donothy Elizabeth, formany of West Bromwich died 13th July at Preston House, Chrencester aged 83 years. Much loved mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, greatgrandmother and cousin. Funeral service arranged for Thursday 17th July for 1.30pm at Cheitenham Cromatorium. Family flowers only, however domations may be given to the Ostsopoussis solety clo Cowley, Funeral Directors, Triangle House, 62 Victoria, Road, Chemcester, Glos GL7 1ES. Tet 01285 653298.

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MOLESWOETH - On July 10th, in her 96th year, Caryl Mangare, widow of HWL. Molesworth FR.CS. Much loved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, and great grandmother, Funeral 24th july 12 noom at The Town Church, S: Peter Pott. No flowers by request, Donations, if wished, to Guernsey RNL1 cle Martels FS. Brock Road, St Sampson, SAMELE. F.S. Brock Road, St Sampson,
MORRIS - John Walter,
formerly of Abergavenay,
died peacefully in the Royal
Shriwsbury Hospital on July
14th 1997, aged 25 years.
Hosband of Nesta, father of
John and Stuart, Cremation
at Shrewsbury Crematorium
on Wednesday July 23rd at
11.20am. Flowers and
enquiries please to W 2 R
Pugh and Son, tel
Shrewsbury (01743)
344646.

MOURZINOS - Captain Michael, suddenly, but peacefuly, on Sunday 13th July, beloved husband of Patry and father of Michelle and Angelies, peased away in Greece. He will be sadly missed by his farinty and all his friends. The Funeral service took place in Athons, creece on 15h July 1997. Domations if desired to Help Hammer Cancer. The Hammersmith Cancer Centre, Hammersmith Hospital, Du Cane Road, London W12 O'RN. Teb 0181 743 9455. Campaign Officer. His Bebecca Zouvani. MOURZINOS - Captain

GRME - Joan Cunliffe, widow of Frank Ladie, much loved stepmother of Peter and Charles, peacefully at the West Saffolk Hospital on July 13th aged 88. Cramation 3.45pm at The West Saffolk Cremetorium, Bury St Edmunds on Friday; 18th July, Frankly Howers, Domations if desired to West Saffolk Hospital - Equipment for Ward F5 - c/o L. Fulcher Funeral Directors, 80 Whiting Shoet, Bury St Edmunds, Saffolk 1923 18X (01284) 784049.

OWEM - Robin (CR Owen) died suddenly on Friday 11th July 1997 eged 60 years after a long and painful filmers. Designer, Artist and hon viveur, his talents were appreciated by us all Son of Maille and the late Lawrie Owen he will be were safety Mollie and the late Levels
Owen, he will be very sadly
missed, particularly by his
daughtum Tracey and Affect,
their mother Sansh and by
Mel who cared for him so
well. Funeral and Cremation
Service at Oakley Wood
(Lexmington) 12.30pm on
Monday Zist july, lots of
flowers to his home in
Harbury by 10.00nm or to W
G Enthbone, 30 Clarendon
Avenus Leamington Spa.
CV32 4AP by 9.00am.
Donations if wished to the
Motor Neurone Disease
Association.

PRESTOR - Tony William on 12th July 1997 at home aged 67. Funezal 1 lam 17th July, Esndalls Park Cremetorium, Leatherhend. Enquires WA Truniove 0181 642 8211. RAIPH - Capt. Henry Rickman Ralph (Rick) passed peacefully away on July 10th at Prankstone Hospital nı Eliza, Australia. RAMEAY - Henry Thomas CSE of 390 Felicity Street, Bay Sr Louis Mississippi, USA and formerly of Well Farm, Castle Cary, Somerset on 11th July 1997 aged 89 years. Much loved and missed by all his family.

MEICRUE - On 12th July 1997,
Mary Alice Patricia aged 93
years. Feacefully at the
Freeman Hospital,
Newcastle upon Tyne after a
short illness. Beloved wife of
the late Dr. Thomas Author
Muckle and much leved by
har children james, Tuentos
and Eliseen and her
grandchildren and great
grandchildren. Requiem
Mass at St. Charles Church,
Gosforth at 10am on Fidny
18th July followed by
private cremation. Flowers
may be sent to J. Bardgett &
Sons, Westgate Boad,
Newcastle. inte David Reid of Eobertland, treasured mother of Jonet, Jacohina and Susmma, Daniy loved grandmother of Dians, Louisa, Kall, Eliza and Candida, Sawvice of Fensels, Parish Church on Friday 18th July at 10.30am. Funeral thereafter to Fensels Comercay at 11.15am. All friends respectfully invited, All enquiries to Thomas McKeller & Sons. Tel: 01560 485366.

FOURD - On July 14th 1997, John at his bome in Chilham, Canterbury after a short illness Beloved husband and friend of Fatiline and much loved father of Aly and Chris. The celebration and Thankogiving Service tules place at St Mary's Church, Chilham on Tuesday July 22nd 1997 at 11.30 m followed by committal at 22nd 1997 at 11.30sm followed by commital at Charing Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Chilham Sungary Equipment Fund with enquiries to CW. Lyons & Son Limited, 70 military Road, Canterbury. Teb 01227 463508.

NYMEN-JOHER - Gertrude Alice (Mollès). Pescriuly at home on July 13th 1997 in her 93rd year. Loving wife of the late Srigadier John Murny Rymer-jones, dentity loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Private family cremetion. Thanknydring Service to be held at the church of St. Mary the Virgin, High Eniden, Kent on Priday July 18th at 11.30 am. Flowers to T.W. Poggis & Son 20 Ashford M., Tentarden, Kent.

SMWH - On july 14th 1997, Derothy Helen, aged 91 years, peacefully at Saulingham Hall Newsing Home, Norfolk Wife of Col HAL Smith McClatt) of Ellingham Paneral Service H.B.L. Smith M.C.(Bard) of Fillingham Princend Service at The Parish Church of St. Mary, Ellingham, Norfolk on Monday July 28th, at Sym followed by Grenanton at the City of Norwich (Eartham). Crematerium at 4.30 pm. Pamily flowers only please, but donations if desired for All Eallows Hospitel, Dichingham may be sent to the Ray Copping & Partners Funcral Service, Chapel Lane, Shotesham, Norwich, M215 137 Tel 01508

SOORD - Irane Glyan (née Williamson), formerly of East Grinstead, Susser, died Williamson), formerly of less Grinates, Susser, died on 12th July at Queens Court Nursing Home, Whilliamson, South Marsing Home, Whilliamson, South, and much loved mother of Sussen and Calls, and grandmother of William, Harriet and Alica. Creination on Monday 4th August, 12 noon at North Seet Sursey Creination. All enquiries to Ashtons Funeral Services, 0181 946 1061.

STEWART - On 13th July, at home in her 86th year, Madeline widow ED. Stewart formerly of Rustington and Singspore. Much loved mother, grandmother and greet grandmother. Paneral service in St Michael and All Angels Church, Thursley on 22nd July at 2000m, Family flowers only, please. Donations walcome to St Michael and All Angels Church, Thursley, c/o Thorse-Leggett, Whitshill, (01420-488896.)

Simp 1000 - Suddenly on July 11th at Musgrove Park Hospital, Zaunton Margaret (Peggy), non-Provoll-Davis, widow of William Arthur Sumption, step-mother of Jonathan and Gideon Sumption and dearly loved sister of Pat Cremation at Teanton Taunton Denna at Crematorium on Monday 21st July at 3.00pm. No flowers, donations for St Mangaret's Hospice may be sent to E. White & Son Led. Pemeral Directors, 138/139, East Reach, Taunton TAI 3HN.

SUTTON - Colin. Died pescefully at Clarkson House, Jensey, on Saunday 12th July 1997, beloved husband of Sazah and kwing father and grandfuther. All enquiries to Fricher & Le Quesne Limited Funeral Directors. Tel: 01534 33330. THREAPLETON - Julie Anna aged 32 years, subtenly on July 10th 1997. Darling daughter of Tom and Mangaret, very dear sistes of Time and beloved finance of Quentin. A Thanksgiving Service will be held on July 30th at 3.30pm, All Saints Church, Grange Road, Lastbourne. No flowers please. Domations if dested to the British Heart Poundstion.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

IN MEMORIAM -

CHID - Heather Child MRE, Calligrapher, Tagaksgiving Service on Wathenday 23rd July at 2 m St Peter's Church, Petersfield, Hampehire.

WADSWORTH Jane
Wadsworth died peacefully
at home on 12th july after a
brave struggle against
illness. She is greatly missed
by a wide community of
relations, friends and
colleagues in Medical
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daughter, mother and

Research. A much loved daughter, mother and grandmother, she leaves Emms and Harry her children, Berbara Amost her mother and John McBwan her partner for six years of grace and happiness. No flowers please, but demaities to cancer research or cancer care charities. Family femeral on 18th July and Valedictory gathering in early autumn.

willes - Feter John de la Fosse.
Died 11th July 1997,
peacefully at home. Beleved
husband of Carelyn
Emeritus Frofessor of
Sovietological Studies,
London School of Romonics
1965-1985, Professor,
Brandels University
Massachusetts 1960-1963,
Visiting Professor, Columbia,
University, New York 1986
Fellow, New College Oxford
1948-1960. No flowers
please. Gifts to Alsheimer's
Society.

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GIANNI VERSACE

Gianni Versace, Italian fashion designer, was shot dead at his Miami Beach mansion yesterday aged 50. He was born in Reggio Calabria on December 2, 1946.

erceived as a somewhat glitzy, brash alternative to his great competitor Giorgio Armani, Gianni Versace will be remembered in the Anglo-Saxon world as the creator of "that dress" — the notorious creation which spectacularly failed to conceal the curves of the actress/model Elizabeth Hurley when she accompanied Hugh Grant to the London premiere of Four Weddings and a Funeral in 1994. Certainly, he made no secret of his contempt for his more couture-orientated rival. For one thing, it was good for busines to say of the Milanese Armani: "He is north, I am south, there is nothing to discuss. in Italy, where bourgeois

Roman and Milanese girls fice to Calabria and Sicily in the summer with the express purpose of losing their virginity to the swarthy southern men, such opinions acted as a mild form of aphrodisiac. Twelve years younger than Armani. Versace had a reputation as an enfant terrible in a fashionconscious country which was, at the time he began to exhibit, going into overdrive in its belated sexual revolution.

Yet, in truth, as a designer Versace was, like Armani, a man wedded to line and form. Like all the masters of his craft, he started with an instinctive flair for appreciating and then draping the contours of the female body.

At the heart of his craft was

an awareness of the innate elegance of the clothes of the southern Italian women. among whom he had grown up. His youth, passed in the hot Calabrian towns of Bagnara, Scilla and Seminara, presented this visually sensitive boy with the constant parade of feminine elegance in the evening passeggiata — that time of day when the village beauties parade, arm in arm, in their finery, as admiring young

men stand and gaze. Versace grew up on a diet of



with bodices of ravishing colour, spangled with splashes of gold and coloured stones. "in making her bodice, every woman seemed to give vent to some secret joy," he was later to say. And when he came to drape the likes of Madonina, Bianca Jagger, Linda Evangelista and Lisa Marie Presley, he never forgot the principle of cut. no matter what fireworks he might accompany it with. If his clothes

His "bad boy" image was reinforced by the verbal liberties he took with the most famous ladies of his times. Of Drew Barrymore: "She's cra-zy; she's nuts. She should

sometimes seemed designed

merely to fall off, they never.

did - and that was part of the

already hyper." Of Uma Thurman: "She can only wear Versace, I promise you! She looks dead in other clothing!" Of Wynona Ryder: "She has minimal taste in fashion. She has to let herself come out more." None of which pronouncements, of course, did any harm to the Versace tills.

After leaving school in Reggio Calabria, Gianni Versace worked at first for his mother. who was a dressmaker. Like all the best Italian designers. he learnt the basic virtues of cutting and stitching from her. In 1972 he decided to move

to the Italian fashion capital. Milan, where he worked intially as a designer for companies such as Genny, Complice and Callaghan, creating ready-to-wear collections severe, pleated skirts, topped never be overdone - she's for them. His own first collec-

following year, with costume designs for Donizetti's Don Pasauale and for the ballet Dyonisos, directed by Maurice Bejart. He received an unusual accolade when Beiart created a three-part dance in his honour, on the occasion to the launch of the fragrance for men "Versace l'Homme". In the overheated atmo

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sphere of the fashion world, Versace was granted a "major restrospective" of his work in 1986, by the National Field Museum in Chicago, to the astonishment of artists working in other visual fields. A grateful Italy bestowed on him the honour of Commendatore della Repubblica Italiana.

As his clientele became more exotic and his life more international jet-set, with homes in Miami, Como, Milan and New York, and showrooms in Paris, London, Berlin, Versace demonstrated a tendency to become more outrageous about his fellow practitioners in the fashion field. Milan, which had launched him, was suddenly "boring". Italian women, from whom he had learnt his craft and his notions of visual sublimity, looked "like secretaries".

While other designers sought to reduce the cost of their fashion shops, he paid out fees which sent the cost of hiring supermodels soaring. He loved to hang out with rock and movie stars, to many of whom his Milan apartment was a second home. He was a friend of Elton John, whom he had accompanied on one of his world tours, and was much involved with crusading on behalf of Aids sufferers.

He was close to his sister Donatella, who was his indispensable support. They often went disco dancing together while their brother Santo, who ran the financial side of the Versace affairs, retired to bed early.

In his latter shows, after shock tactics, such as that of the revealing Hurley dress, had outworn their appeal (and been revealed as, in restroepct, somewhat tacky gestures) his style had seemed to return closer to its couture based roots.

He never married.

FELIX BARKER

Felix Barker, theatre and film critic and author. died on July II aged 80. He was born on May 7, 1917.

THERE was a brief period in the late 1960s when the populist approach of London's Evening News, then still a broadsheet, and the style of Felix Barker, its drama and cinema critic, in addition to being its leading feature writer, seemed to be in complete harmony.

Barker had the ability to enliven any story by taking the reader right to its heart. His narricular passion was history and, whether it was discovering the love letters of Eleanor Marx or retracing the steps of William the Conqueror, his very enthusiasm tended to carry the narrative along.

Barker was quintessentially an old Fleet Street hand. He once boasted he knew the location of every public telenhone box in central London and would demonstrate his trick of propping the door open with an old penny piece. the used to do this while he dictated his copy to catch the final edition.) His was the Fleet Street of the old hot metal printing, hard lunchtime drinking, unscrutinised expenses and tall tales of scrops and journalistic derring-do.

He had talked his way into a staff job on the Evening News at the age of 19, showing the Editor an article about his experiences at school, some amateur rugby coverage (in which one F. Barker occasionally scored the winning try) and displaying an utter determination to be a journalist. He served his time as a

junior reporter on the news desk. But it was as a feature writer that he first made his impact and as a drama critic, from 1958, that he gained the respect of the theatrical profession. He loved the theatre and the stage, a calling notoriously hostile to critics, seemed prepared to accept him. He himself always argued that a good critic had to "get it right" - by which he meant more than just being in tune with the consensus.

He was proud to serve as president of the Critics' Circle in 1974. He was doubly qualified for such a position, for he had become the film critic of the Evening News in 1960 at

the age of 43. He was was one of the very few Fleet Street critics to turn in film and theatre reviews in tandem.

Educated at Felsted School

in Essex, Richard Felix Raine Barker was the son of a watercolourist and a photographer. When painting failed to provide a sufficiently profitable living, his father took to restoring contages, doing them up very much in the William Morris manner.

His son's first big break came in 1935 when, at the age of IS, he was sent as an English Speaking Union scholar to Choate School in Connecticut. He spent a year there, meeting Americans ranging from Alan Jay Lerner (a classmate) to Thornton Wilder and George Gershwin.

Called up at the age of 22, after three years on the Evening News, he had a comparatively easy war in the Gordon Highlanders, where his habit of writing his letters home on an old Corona was soon noticed by Battalion HQ and got him transferred into a cushy billet in the Orderly Room. From there he plotted his escape into joining a concert party known as the Balmorals, who included Ian Carmichael, Bunny Playfair and Stephen Mitchell.

This gave him writing as well as performing experience

and later on, as the Evening News gradually dumbed down, Barker took to writing books. He produced the first biography of Laurence Olivier and his then wife Vivien Leigh. The Oliviers (1953), and also wrote the history of the Coliseum, The House That Stoll Built (1956). His magnum opus, however, was an illustrated history of the capital, modestly entitled London: 2000 Years of a City and its People. He had worked on it for more than a decade and it stayed in print

The Evening News merged with the Evening Standard in 1980, and Barker found himself redundant just two years before his retiring date. He threw himself into writing further books, mainly about London, but they risked becoming potboilers. He continued to write for a number of papers, including The Times, The Sunday Telegraph and the Evening Standard. Yet he was happiest in his library at Blackheath, researching his series of works about the capital, the last of which was Edwardian London (1995).

for 25 years.

He leaves a widow, Anthea, who was an invaluable support in many of his projects. and a son. His daughter, a theatrical publicist, died in

RON SMYTH

Ron Smyth, racehorse trainer, died on July 4. aged \$1. He was born on November 18, 1915.

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National Spirit was a spectacular jumper, standing back a long way from his hurdles and sailing over them with unbroken stride. His 1947 tri-

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umph had nevertheless seen him, in the end, fully stretched to beat the French challenger, Le Paillon. In 1948 it was a little easier, but the result owed as much to Ron Smyth's judgment as to the horse's own stamina and fortitude.

Smyth sent him into the lead two hurdles out and then had to ride hard to withstand the challenge of DUKW, prevailing eventually by two lengths at the post, a bonus being that all three of Smyth's Champion Hurdlers had been trained by Vic Smyth, his uncle.
Ronald Victor Smyth was

born at Ramsbury, Wiltshire, the second son of Herbert Smyth, who was the son of a Lincolnshire steeplejack. Her-bert Smyth had also been first a jockey and then a trainer. Herbert's three younger brothers were also trainers.

Smyth was apprenticed to his father and had his first ride on the Flat at the age of 12, and his first winner when he was only 14, on Maryland Point, at Newmarket in 1930. Increasing weight, however,

brought his Flat career to an end, and his first winner over the iumps came on Windy at Wye in October 1933. As well as Champion Hurdles, his career included plenty of other successes including, at Cheltenham, the Gloucestershire Hurdle twice, and a treble at the 1947 Festival meeting. Over fences he several times won on Lord Bicester's great chaser and subsequent Gold Cup winner, Silver Fame. In

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addition, in 1941-42, he was Champion National Hunt jockey, albeit with a total of only 12 winners, because of a very restricted wartime season which permitted only 18 days'

racing. In 1947, a year before he re-tired from the saddle. Smyth had taken out a licence to train a mixed string at Epsom, and one of his earliest triumphs was in the Imperial Cup with Master Bidar in 1951. Later he captured this valuable race twice more, with Irish Imp in 1962 and Flash Imp in 1974.

Meanwhile, also over the jumps, he had important successes at Cheltenham - twice winning the Triumph Hurdle, with, in 1961 Blarney Beacon and, in 1971, Boxer. (The latter, the following season was Champion Hurdle runnerup.) He also won the Cotswold Chase, in 1960, with Mazurka. On the Flat, one of his best horses was HVC, who, as a

two-year-old, claimed the distinction of beating the following season's Derby winner. Tulyar. Convamore was another good colt who came nearest to bringing Smyth classic honours when second to Meadow Court in the 1965 Irish Derby: he had previously won the King Edward VII Stakes at Royal Ascot.

One of Smyth's great talents was in placing his horses in

handicaps, as well as making no secret of the fact that he often profited substantially the bookmakers from their successes. A long list of important handicap winners include Prince Khalid Abdulla's Tremblant (Victoria Cup. Bunbury Cup and Cambridgeshire in 1985); Flash Imp (Cesarewitch 1973 and Great Metropolitan 1975): Patient Constable (Stewards Cup 1966); Grandrew (Jubilee Handicap 1972): Copsale (Magnet Cup 1967) and Panpiper (Free Handicap, 1968). He retired from training

in 1991.

Horses apart. Smyth was also a great trainer of apprentices. Geordie Ramshaw and. in particular, Geoff Lewis. who was later partner of Mill Reef in that colt's scintillating progress and who enjoyed a brilliant career as a jockey. were two of them; more than once, Lewis paid handsome tribute to Smyth and the debt

he owed him. In his personal life, Ron Smyth was an immensely likeable man with a dry sense of humour as well as possessing a genial but no-nonsense approach to life and to his immense circle of friends. He did much to keep the image of Ensom as a training centre to the forefront. As a trainer, he was undoubtedly one of the old school with tough and professional standards.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1940, and by their younger daughter.

7CWT. TROJAN VAN. The 7-cwt. Trojan van, made by the manufacturers of the well-known Leyland lorries, costs, complete with a 60 cubic foot body, starter, electric lighting, and adjustable windscreen, £125. The design throughout is unusually elever in its simplicity, and to judge from the outward appearance and the feel of the vehicle on the road, the construction is

MOTOR TRANSPORT.

The engine is a 10 h.p. four-cylinder unit (2½ x 4¾ in.), working on the two-stroke principle, and therefore has the minimum number of working parts, for there are no valves or actuating mechanism, lubrication is automatic without a pump, and the radiator is in the customary place. Under the bonnet are the petrol tank and carburettur. No adjustment for fuel is required, as the driver has a control lever under the steering wheel which regulates the amount of petrol and air, and

when necessary lets air only into the engine. There are many ingenious points on the Trojan. For example, the electrical ignition and the petrol supplies are governed together and the movement of one small lever on the instrument board shuts off the current and the fuel. Again, the lever of the mechanical starter automatically works the spark control

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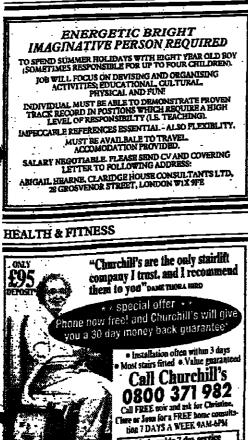
With their two-stroke engines (cunningly hidden under the floor boards), solid tyres and rugged earance, the Trojans, both vans and cars, ed good value for money. The large fleet of red Brooke Bond vans were given the ultimate accolade of appearing in a range of children's

so that when it is pulled back out of its catch in order to turn the crankshaft, the spark is retarded. The crankshaft carries a flywheel to which a series of springs are attached, so that the initial torque may be smoothly taken up. Further towards the offside is the epicyclic gear-case, on the outside of which are three bands - one for reverse, one for low, and the third for high gear. All three are easily adjusted for wear. Finally, close to the offside the frame is a reduction gear, which is enclosed, and a double roller chain which drives the dead rear axle. The simplicity of the construction is a great asset . . . There are two

brakes, and, in addition, reverse, which requires but the straight pull-back of the speed lever, can be used as a powerful brake .. The steering is by pinion and internally toothed ring, the gear being enclosed. Solid tyres and disc wheels are supplied, but pneumatics can be had if desired . . .

The performance of the van on the road was most satisfactory. Naturally it has limitations: for example, the highest speed on the level is about 30 miles an hour, and, again, no twostroke engine is good at idling, and for an appreciable stop it is best to switch off fuel and current. Against these drawbacks must be set great flexibility and a surprisingly good flow power when the crankshaft is turning at low speed ...

The drive is taken up smoothly at all times. and the cooling water did not boil or get unduly hot during the run. The action of the steering, as is to be expected with the type of gear fitted, is somewhat reversible, but in normal running it is light and steady enough. The diameter of the turning circle is about 15 yards. The suspension must be tried to be appreciated: all I need say is that, when sitting in the van, one could not readily have joid that pneumatics were not fitted. Even over an unusually rough surface there was hardly any pitch and toss, wheel bouncing, or swaying.



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The other night I heard something I never expected to hear - Michael Grade being boring. Such a showman, but he was so overwhelmed by his farewell salute from the Royal Television Society that he fell into interminably recounting the joys and sorrows of his career, and people were tiptoeing out at the back by the time he went on the attack.

Then he was on form. Is anyone happy working for the BBC, he asked. He prayed that his successor at Channel 4. Michael Jackson, would forget all the "management tosh" learnt at the BBC. He was appalled at what the administration is doing to the BBC. And what can you expect from the governors — worthies appointed in conditions of secrecy that owe more "to masonic

ceremony than to democracy". On July 24 the BBC governors will have another chance to show what they are made of. Will they dare call a halt to the radical changes proposed for Radio 4? Or will they fall for the management blarney about fossilisation, museum pieces, need to refurbish, new

digital age ahead, etc, etc? The governors should protest yes, even resign - if they cannot achieve a reprieve, not for any particular programme, but rather for what looks like the wholesale disregard

for the sensibilities of the audience. To take away one old favourite from listeners is to inflict pain; to snatch away as many as 20 is to inflict a trauma, an assault on habits and expectations that leaves people shocked. grieving destabilised. As a frequent participant in Start the Week, one of the threatened programmes, I am often astonished at how many people do start their week with it: they read the books, they argue over the ideas and remember points they feel were mishandled or could have been made. There is a great mass of Middle England

that structures its day by Radio 4. Why should they, the BBC's staunchest defenders, lose so many landmarks at once? Because the audience figures drop in the long intervals between the news? Ridiculous. The main reason why audiences sag after Today is that by 9am people leave the house or have reached work. No scheduling sleight of hand is going to raise mid-morning and mid-afternoon to drive-time

Something more sinister is afoot. I hope the governors have noticed. It is the BBC top brass's obsession with news. They cannot get enough of it, but viewers and listeners can. The much-vaunted success of Radio 5 Live comes from its sports coverage, not from its news. There is little or no demand for a 24hour TV news network for which plans are racing ahead (with the word "digital" usually omitted, thus concealing the fact that

few viewers will be able to watch it). The loud objections to the whole idea

consultation exercise on the digital future did not slow down these plans. Rather, they are recorded in the BBC annual report released last week - as "suggested modifications which those developing the services are taking into account. Even the beleaguered World Service is to be further undermined by a gratuitous adjunct of a 24-hour World Service News, an expensive novelty which can serve only to split the world audience and divert attention from all those fusty Kaleidoscope-type features on the older

World Service An irony of the BBC's current thinking is that its leaders are quite willing to tolerate. even defend, an excess of news such as they

provided during the general elec-tion. BBC1 Nine O'Clock News was extended for an hour while the viewers fled elsewhere. The BBC's answer was bold and proud: audience size is not important, public duty is what matters.

The same proud defence, however, was not available to the worthy flops in BBC drama, Nostromo and Rhodes. John Birt. the Director-General, has apologised for their disappointing failure. He said that the BBC must try

for "greater consistency" in future. What ever happened to the "right to fail"? That is what the BBC is there for - to take risks. In book publishing, in theatre and in cinema, it is axiomatic that most efforts fail but that the successes cover the failures. There simply is no reason to apologise for Rhodes and not for the election over-

The BBC governors should show that they can do more than rubberstamp what the managers put before them. In objecting to the shock about to be delivered to "the home of quality, intelligent speech radio" (BBC annual report again), they do not need to doubt the promise of the controller. James Boyle, that he is not "dumbing down" Radio 4. But they must consider the chance that he

R isks to a programme are not as dangerous as risks to the spirit of a dangerous as tisses to an an agement has network. This BBC management has once before disregarded cries of pain and grief among listeners when it dispensed with raft of disc jockeys from Radio 1.

What was achieved? Radio 1 needed to bring in Chris Evans to stop the slide in audience figures. The cure proved worse than the disease and now, with Evans gone. Radio I is in trouble and bad news is said to be on the way with the next quarterly audience figures.

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Belinda Archer looks at how images of decency can change

A SHAPELY mini-skirted brunette sits in the passenger seat of an MG Midget, thoughtfully caressing the handbrake. The accompanying prose reads: "85 per cent of MG Midget owners are men. That means lots of girls will be relaxing in our new, thick, contoured seats - a scene we're sure will appeal to both

driver and passenger." Thus reads a press advertisement from the Fifties. Nowad ays, the flagrant portrayal of a woman as a sex object would draw the teeth of any advertising watchdog. At the time, however, it would have sailed breezily past the regulators, because the images were totally acceptable to a Fifties audience.

The Advertising Standards Authority, the body charged with monitoring all press and poster advertisements in the UK, is celebrating its 35th anniversary. In that time it has been gauging the sensibilities of the nation, dealing with complaints and ensuring that the industry's self-regulatory code of practice, drawn up in 1961, is fully observed.

This code states that all nonbroadcast advertising should neither mislead nor offend and should be "legal, decent, honest and truthful". As the MG advert demonstrates, however, what is judged "decent" has changed quite dramatically since the early Sixties: hence the code has been regularly tweaked to reflect changing social and cultural mores, as well as shifts in consumer desire.

Alcohol is a particularly thorny area where the rules have been tightened. Such a vintage copyline as "Guinness is good for you" would be thrown out now, on the basis that advertisers of alcoholic drinks can no longer make any health claims for their brands, nor can they suggest sexual fulfilment or enhanced sexual capabilities as a result of imbibing alcohol.

The portrayal of women has also demanded close ASA

attention. It used to be established practice for advertisers. to use gratuitously curvy females who would be uncontrollably impressed if a man used product X. Similarly, it was deemed acceptable to depict happy housewives (whose day was fulfilled by the gift of a vacuum cleaner or ironing board from an indul-gent husband.

Now, of course, such ads would be deemed offensive and would trigger a fairly instant ASA ban.

Chris Reed, the external affairs manager at the ASA. comments: The system of self-regulation revolves around enlightened self-interest. Advertisers know that misleading or offending people won't do them any good. Before this system, people didn't believe the ads they read, but having a watchdog acting on their behalf gives people more confidence in the ads that they do see."

Certainly, the rules controlling tobacco advertising have been redrawn almost beyond recognition. The Marlboro Man, a former advertising icon, with his rugged outdoor looks and bristling good health, would never see the light of day today. Tobacco advertising is the only area that is subject to compulsory

Health claims have also been dramatically toned down since the days when adverts were allowed to tout their miracle cures and beautifying potions. It was claimed, for example, that Vigor's Horse Action Saddle — a sort of exercise bicycle — "stimulates the liver, reduces corpulence and cures gout". Any claims must now be backed by clinically-controlled trials.

As new issues and new media emerge, it may prove interesting to observe how the code controlling advertising standards develops. After all, in another 35 years, we could well be hooting with laughter at advertising from the Eight-

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Volution THE TIMES WEDNESDAY JULY 16 1997 Views are worlds apart HATTONGET

BBC World Service will be debated at Westminister Central Hall. Here opposing speakers state their views

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BBC Director-General announced radi-cal plans to re-structure the World Service. the standard-setter for quality broadcasting throughout the world. The furore which followed spurred the then For-eign Secretary. Malcolm Rifkind, into setting up a working group to look into the implications of the proposals.

Last October the group duly reported and agreed 20 measures with the BBC to safeguard the future of the World Service Today, however, the BBC annual report for 1996/97

gives a disturbing and very different view of events.

What were the compelling reasons for change? The rationale given was cost and increased efficiency to meet the digital age. But an

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independent report by PIMS in 1994 found World Service costs to be lower than those of the BBC's domestic services. The working group's concerns were met by a BBC promise to commission a comparative study of costs in November 1996. Has this been

active Emilia

published or seen y the Foreign Secretary? The Froup has not met since October, and I could find nothing about it in the Annual Report. World Service English news

teams have now been moved away from close contact with their foreign language colleagues into the Domestic News and Current Affairs division. There they are responsible to a completely different line management and agenda under Tony Hall, head of news. Staff interchanges are not occurring as planned and there is a danger that the irreplaceable collective memory and experience of journal-

ists will be lost. An anecdote illustrates the problem. WS recently carried report purporting to be from overseas Government spokesman. Experience led the producer, an old Africa hand, to treat it with suspicion and add a rider that it had not been confirmed. Radio 4 journalists on the other hand, without that sixth sense, picked up the story and rebroadcast it without the rider and were subsequently proved wrong. It is on that subtle instinct and experience that

n the second Friday of every month, national

newspaper editors will be found closeted in their

offices poring over the month-

Bureau of Circulations. They

are searching for the best

the WS's reputation for quality has been built.

. Just as controversial and damaging has been the split between commissioning and production. All the non-news English language production teams have been moved into BBC Broadcast under Ron Neil, who has no experience of international broadcasting. New commissioning editors have been appointed in each area, from drama to education and English language teaching, some with no previous WS experience.

So the ultimate arbiter will be cost, not expertise. Two illustrations of just how damaging the internal market is proving come from new arrangements under which the pronunciation and information units charge other

departments for their services. Producers now think twice about Producers checking every fact been known to visit public libraries rather than ring the BBC's own specialised staff. Others go out and buy CDs because it checking is cheaper than using the BBC record every fact library. What a waste of time and

expertise. Next on the list for revamping is the WS's unique and irreplaceable archive. Our problem is that the only person with the power to call the BBC chiefs to heel is the Foreign Secretary, and we have always been keen to keep the Government out of BBC affairs. But it may be a risk we have to take if the World Service is to be preserved as an irreplaceable national asset. Is the Foreign Secretary

happy that Bob Phillis's first act when he took responsihility for the World Service was to move it into the BBC's commercial arm. BBC Worlddid this convey to the world? The head of the WS syndicadepartment Anthony Pugh summed up the fears of many when he said: "Our philosophy will change — at World Service it was to reach the maximum audience possible throughout the world and now it will be to make the maximum money possible, and the two are quite different in broadcasting terms."

JOCELYN HAY Chairman of Voice of the



The old World Service was about reaching a maximum audience, not making the maximum amount of money

NUMBER of commentators have painted a picture of an organisation in some way irreparably damaged by the restructuring of the BBC. That is not a World Service I recognise. I see a broadcaster in good shape to embrace a challenging but

exciting future.

The World Service has a global audience of 143 million. But it faces unpreceinternational radio stations, but from media deregulation, satellite television and new digital technology.

Listeners want news and information available when it suits them. To meet this need, the World Service is investigating a second English channel for news and current affairs. Services in other key languages, such as Arabic, will be strengthened, too. The Arabic Service has responded to fierce competition by extending broadcasts by five hours a day.

On June 30, listeners on the east coast of the United States woke up to a new world news programme. More than 30 FM stations carried the new 50-minute World Update, aimed at early risers among the

TOMORROW'S WORLD

business, political, government and media communities.

Commissioned by the World Service and made by BBC News, it is the first major programme under the new structure. It has helped to win an audience of 3.5 million in the US, and was made result of the BBC's restructuring.

A new short-wave transmitter station in Thailand has improved audibility for many listeners in Asia. The planned replacement of obsolete transmitters in the Gulf will help the World Service remain competitive in a crucial area.

FM is now accounting for a growing slice of radio audiences worldwide. There have been major breakthroughs in gaining FM frequencies in previously inaccessible areas such as the Gulf (in Qatar), the Ivory Coast and in former Zaire, where vital short-wave broadcasts in French and Swahili have been boosted by clear FM reception in Kinshasa and Kisangani, New FM agreements are also being

discussed for Kenya and Rwanda. In Hong Kong, coverage of the handover was reinforced by the World Service's Cantonese Internet site. The World Service will also be making on-line news, programme support and marketing information available on the Internet in Arabic, English, Mandarin, Russian and Spanish. Only joint development with the rest of the BBC will ensure that the World

This applies equally to Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB). The World Service is now taking part in a pilot scheme to offer digital services in major European cities. The investments required for these areas need not be beyond the resources of the World Service. The last Government's decision not to cut an additional £5 million from this year's Grant-in-Aid allowed some scope for development. Restructuring will add further savings to the 10 per cent the World Service promised to deliver over three years.

Managing director, World Service

SAM YOUNGER

THE NEWS BEHIND THE HEADLINES

Tarzan's back in jungle

BOARD meetings at Haymarket Publishing look set to take a livelier turn. The magazine group, which owns publications as diverse as What Car? and Horticultural Week, has appointed Michael Heseltine as a nonexecutive director.

Having a former deputy Prime Minister on the team is always guaranteed to keep everyone on their toes. But in this case there is an added element of fun.

The founder and major shareholder in Haymarket Press is one Michael Ray Dibdin Heseltine.

During his years in high office. Hezza was a "sleeping partner" in the company. Now that he has swung back into the publishing jungle, he is insisting that he will

still have a back seat role.

At his first board meeting he told his colleagues to carry on as normal and not to mind him. How reassuring. The Listener is sure that it was easy for them to pretend he wasn't there.

Royal diplomacy

AMID all the teeth-gnashing over Radio 4's imminent shake-up, at least one traditional feature seems to have been saved from the chop. The station's controller,



Boyle: anthem remains

Boyle, has been mulling over whether to end the practice of playing the National Anthem on Prince Philip's birthday. Fellow Scots have reportedly been urging him to have the bottle to do it. Most people, they say, don't mind the anthem being played for the Queen, Queen Mother and Prince Charles, but draw the line at the Duke. Boyle, however, has decided not to upset the applecart. He has been looking closely at it." said a

source "but has decided that it's an area best left well alone."

Mail bonding

EMOTIONAL scenes at the Daily Mail's annual bash at Hampton Court, where staff traditionally dare each other to get drunk or even loosen their ties. Lord Rothermere, who prompted much gossip during the general election campaign by nailing his colours to new Labour's mast, kissed and made up with right-wing editor Paul Dacre in a moving speech. Dacre, he eulogised, is the most brilliant editor in Fleet Street and a glittering asset to Associated Newspapers. Partygoers swear they detected the flicker of a smile on the normally dour Dacre's lips.

Cliffhanger

AFTER decades in the role of the Peter Pan of pop, one might think Sir Cliff Richard would be used to a bit of stick from the critics. Not a bit of it. Sir Cliff was almost in tears this week when he attacked the scathing reviews of his show, Heath-

cliff.
It's so frustrating to do something really good and not have people recognise it", he bleated. "Reviewers don't know anything. They can't do anything themselves, but they criticise us for trying." A spokesman for Sir Cliff explained: "He was irritated by some press reaction to Heathcliff. He felt he was not given a fair crack of

Young at heart BBC staff, chinned by Direc-

tor-General John Birt's announcement that further job cuts could be imminent. claim ageism is taking hold of the Corporation. They say any staffer over 50 is an endangered species. Insiders say paranoid staff are beginning to lie about their age. At least two middleranking executives who are beginning to go grey are known to have invested in a bottle of hair dye.

Taking the wind out of their sales



entitled to his boast. Yet the

whether sales are up or down on the previous month, on the same month of the previous year or for the long-term view by comparing year-on-year six monthly averages. Newspapers whose sales

are static or falling will ignore the results or use the year-onyear six monthly averages which often offer a better Successful papers broadcast the news prominently: readers as well as advertisers are encouraged to know they are part of a success story.

Month on month in June, as the Blair effect which boosted sales in May wore off. only three papers - the Sunday Mirror, the Daily Mail and The Express - increased sales. Year-on-year, as our table shows, there was better news. The sales of nine papers were up compared with June

Yet any reader studying the papers last weekend would have been puzzled. At the Daily Mail, sales had hit a 30year high but there was "dismal news for The Express, where sales had allegedly fallen by 17,000. Yet at The Express, its success story was going from "strength to strength". There was truth in both papers.
The Daily Mail is an un-

doubted hit - sales have been running at more than 2.2 million in July, the highest in recent history under editor

Paul Dacre - but it deliberately used the year-on-year six-monthly averages to do down The Express, which is experiencing a modest success Editor Richard Addis has held sales at more than 1.2 million throughout the first half of the year and his sales were up both month-on-month (by 890) and year-onyear (by 1,700). So he was

weekend were in The Times and The Daily Telegraph and The Sunday Times and The Sunday Telegraph. The Dai-ly Telegraph said it was going from "strength to strength". even though The Times said it was narrowing the sales gap with its fiercest rival.

Sales of The Sunday Telegraph were at an "all-time low", said The Sunday Times - but The Sunday Telegraph

by a third over the past year. The rival claims and counter claims were provoked by the ferocious battle for supremacy between The Times and The Daily Telegraph - the toughest and most expensive in British ournalism, according to The Independent this week - in which The Times last week scored a significant victory by forcing the Telegraph to separate sales at the full cover price of 45p from subscription

and voucher sales and copies given away free by hotels or The battle was due to be settled in court until the Telegraph conceded that subscription sales - it has been offering the daily and Sunday

HOW THE NEWSPAPERS COMPARE 387,820 52,981 40 256,653 167,859 823 9,895 67,446 1,803 8,474 4,278 -180,978 -105,049 -38,598 1,739 123,337 -20,515 10,875 96 40,286 690 57,930 10,129 768 28,822 36,782 4,591 22,873 7,695 -4.56 -4.36 -5.35 0.14 6.05 -3.07 1.50 3,43 4,74 -6.24 8.57 3,789,168 2,303,406 Mirror Daily Record Express Daily Mail Daily Star Times Daily Telegraph Guardian 275,992 090,515 409,584 255,888 328,676 269 43,114 72,231 53,584 23,101 25,284 28,510 15,946 18,539 4,331,800 2,224,136 1,900,484 News of The World Sunday Mirror People Express on Sunday Mell on Sunday Sunday Times Sunday Telegraph

papers for £1 a week -- should be separately declared.

The result, published for the first time in ABC's June report

last Friday, confirmed that the Telegraph group, set in panic by the success of The Times's Eurostar promotion last autumn may have managed mismanaged would be a bet-ter description — the most expensive one-year promotion in newspaper history.

Although hundreds of thousands of readers signed up for the LI a week offer, outsiders believe that up to 80 per cent were already Telegraph readers who seized the opportunity to save £2.50 a week on a paper they were already buying. Telegraph profits — £60

million in 1993, £16 million in 1995 after the papers entered the price war with The Times, slumped to £i million last Total sales of The Daily

Telegraph in June, inflated by

the success of the subscription

scheme, were 1,090.515 - but sales at the full cover price of 45p were only 710.295. Similarly total sales of The Sunday Telegraph were \$53,956 - but at full price only 429,693 (just 6,000 ahead of The Observer). The revelation that more than 300,000 of The Daily Telegraph's sales are bought by subscriptions and vouchits sale of 680,494 at the full newsstand price narrows the

ers is a triumph for The Times, which now claims that gap with the Telegraph to fewer than 30,000 and pushes it ever closer to achieving its ambition of overtaking its main rival. At full cover price The Sunday Times can claim that it outsells all three broadsheet rivals. Halfway through 1997, oth-

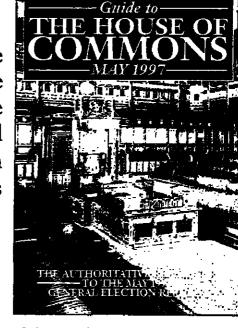
er papers that can boast success are The Guardian, almost 5 per cent up on a year ago, the Financial Times, selling aimost 150,000 copies a day overseas, and The Mail on Sunday, up 55,000 on a

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NEWS

Versace murdered in cold blood

■ Gianni Versace, the designer who dressed the world's socalled beautiful people with a flamboyant style straddling the boundary of bad taste, was shot dead on the steps of his mansion in Miami yesterday.

A man in his mid-twenties pulled a pistol from a backpack and shot Versace twice as he unlocked the gates to his art deco home on Ocean Drive after having had breakfast in a Pages 1, 3, 16, 21 nearby cafe....

Ministers have stay-at-home holidays

Members of the Cabinet are to spend part of their summer holidays in Britain this year in a gesture to the travel industry. After doing their patriotic duty with buckets and spades, the ministers will be allowed to go abroad for what many believe are the summer holidays they really preferPage 1

Curb on 'fat cat' QCs

The Lord Chancellor is planning to curb lawyers' fees, by regulating "fat cat" QCs' earnings from legal aid and inflated fees for private work.

Grading for teachers

Teachers will be graded individually from September under a change to school inspection that will place in doubt the future of thousands of staff.Page 2

Golden moments

Eight thousand survivors of one of life's challenges joined the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh at a garden party at Buckingham Palace yesterday, with no simple formula for staying married for half a century Page 5

Mental health alert

Killings and attacks by mentally ill people will continue unless care in the community improves. mental health campaigners said yesterdayPage 6

Andrews 'deceitful'

Tracie Andrews, who repeatedly denied yesterday that she stabbed her fiance to death with a penknife, was described in court as a woman of deceit with a vicious temper..... .. Page 7

Caroline case pledge

A Foreign Office minister has promised the parents of Caroline Dickinson her support in pressing the French to discover who killed their daughter Page 8

Sex assault claim

A student who accused a philosophy professor of indecently assaulting her made a similar allegation against a man in America three years earlier

Beef export move

Britain promised the European Union yesterday that it would crack down on beef exports in breach of the worldwide ban but also said that it would block imports from the Continent that failed to meet British standards....

Election funding

British-based companies, including BP. Glaxo Wellcome and NatWest, gave more money to the last American elections than companies from any other

Hitler's secretary dies

Hitler's private secretary, who faithfully stood by him until shortly before his suicide in a Berlin bunker, has died of cancer at the age of 83 Page 13 Fifthy lucre

Saddam Hussein, the President of Iraq, and Fidel Castro have been included for the first time in

the recognised list of the world's richest people Page 14 Island riches Manhattan now boasts more kings, queens and princelings per

square mile than any other place

Mir hitches raise joint ventures fears

on Earth.

■ NASA reacted coolly last night to a suggestion that Michael Foale, the British-born American astronaut on board the Russian space station Mir, may have to make a space walk to carry out repairs to the stricken complex in place of the flight commander, who is suffering from an irregular heartbeat Page 14



The Queen meeting guests at a golden wedding anniversary garden party held at Buckingham Palace yesterday

BUSINESS

Ralltrack: The former part of British Rail is planning to change its company rules to give its chairman wide-ranging powers over board

Drinks: Guinness and Grand Metropolitan, the drinks giants planning a £23 bn merger, are considering a proposal that would give them control of the Hennessy cognac business... ...Page 25

Pensions: The Office of Fair Trading has severely criticised personal and occupational pensions and called for an overhaul of pension provision. ..Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 41.9 points to close at 4899.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 105.5 to 105.1 after a fall from \$1.6883 to \$1.6743. ..Page 28

SPORT

Goff: Colin Montgomerie, Europe's number one player for the past four years, starts the 126th Open Championship with his form as good as it could possibly bePage 48

Athletics: Roger Black criticises selectors who left him out of the 400 metres at the world championships in Athens mext month Page 48

Cricket: Ben Hollioake, who has captured public imagination like no teenage cricketer for a generation. is in England's under-19 party to take on Zimbabwe in two oneday internationals Page 48

Cycling: Jan Ullrich became the first German in 20 years to wear the yellow jersey in the Tour de France after a remarkable stagePage 45 victory in Andorra ..

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Master maverick: The composer John Adams is bringing a feast of American music to the Proms on Sunday....

Prize pop: A quirky shortlist of ten albums for the Mercury Music Prize was announced yesterday. David Sinclair describes life on thePage 33 judging panel ...

Rising star: Brian Milligan, at 15, is on the way to being Northern Ireland's best-known child actor, with stage and television appearances behind him and a part in Daniel Day-Lewis' new film...... Page 33

Festival fare: "Performance art with a fireside feel" was on show at the South Bank's Meltdown Festival, with poetry, soap opera, and Laurie Anderson's monologue...

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vengeance: Geoff Brown

sees The Lost World

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On the rise: More and more buyers buy their home before construction

even begins, but some come to THE PAPERS

President Clinton was right to acknowledge that US troops may have to remain in Bosnia beyond next summer. Now he should forthrightly explain why, both to Congress and to the US public, and so build support for this importan mission —The Washington Post

Preview: Monty Roberts can tame ordinary horses by talking to them. but what about a wild mustang? QED (BBC1, 10pm)

TY AND RADIO

Review: Great television, but how spontaneous? Matthew Bond on Driving School Pages 46, 47

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SIXES AND SEVENS A headteacher needs to be told-

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Given the repeated failure of earlier meetings on Cyprus, diplomats are wary of any talk of a breakthrough. But it does seem possible that this time they have got the formula right

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PETER RIDDELL

It is time for all those new MPs to do some work in Parliament apart from just voting. There is plenty for them to do Page 11

MICHAEL GOVE

It is a curious Government that indulges a Prince's ideas but would prohibit his main pastime, allows 16-year-olds to enjoy homosexual acts but not Silk Cut, and takes pride in SAS assassination but protests that its foreign policy is moral

SIMON BARNES

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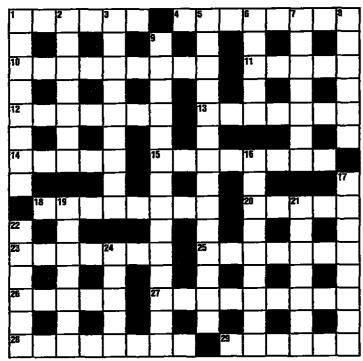
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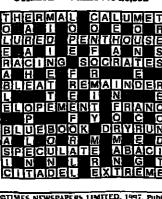
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WEDNESDAY JULY 16 1997

Drinks groups consider splitting LVMH in two



Arnault playing rough

GUINNESS and Grand Metropolitan, the drinks groups planning a £23 billion merger. are considering a fresh pro-posal that would give them control over the Hermessy ognac business owned by LVMH, of France.

Senior executives from the three companies met in London yesterday to discuss a proposal that would split LVMH's Moet Hennessy Moet Hennessy

stake, into two. and George Bull.

Under the terms put forward by LVMH, Guinness would there were elements of the new buy the Hennessy Cognac proposal which would not be brand, while LVMH would in the best interests of Grand-

Moet Hennessy by M Arnault's latest proposal is considered too high by the two British groups - to be re-named GMG Brands postmerger - it looks to have brought the two sides closer to a resolution of their dispute.

Ever since the GMG merger was announced in May, M Arnault has played an increasingly rougher game in a bid not to be left out, snapping up a 6.37 per cent stake in Grand-Met to add to his existing 14 per cent holding in Guinness.

But despite the latest develop-ment, LVMH's preferred route still appears to be a three-way tie-up putting Moet Hennessy with Guinness's United Distillers and IDV, the spirits arm of GrandMet.
That option, which is to be

formally submitted to GMG today, would involve the enlarged drinks business worth an estimated £10 billion being floated separately in London, leaving GMG with food businesses such as Pillsbury and Burger King A source close to M Arnault said the formal proposal being submitted today was unlikely to include details of the alternative scheme splitting Moët Hennessy.

If that is the case, M Arnault is likely to receive short shrift from GMG. A source close to Guinness said yesterday: "Any kind of demerger of any sort would not find favour with Greener and Bull. They want to keep food and brew-

BUSINESS **TODAY**

STOCK MARKET INDICES

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London close..... \$319.75 (\$320.55)

Market near to 4,900

The London stock market came close to breaking the 900 barrier vesterday as the FTSE 100 index closed up 41.9 points at a record 4,899.3. Dealers went home contemplating the possibility of a breach of the 5,000 level before too long. Banking and retailing sectors led the rises.

The pound began to fall back from its recent highs. Traders took profits at DM3.03, leaving sterling down almost I pfennig at DM3.0141. Markets. page 28

buy back full control of the Moet Champagne business. In a statement issued after the stock market closed,

Guirness and GrandMet confirmed weekend speculation that Bernard Arnault, chairman of LVMH, had held a second meeting last week with his counterparts at Guinness

Met and Guinness shareholders in the form proposed, GrandMet and Guinness will

assess in full the commercial and financial logic of this new proposal when it is detailed in writing."They added: "It is too early to establish whether any agreement can be reached." While the valuation put on

BA board runs into turbulence from investors

By Jon Ashworth and Harvey Elliott

THE board of British Airways ran into heavy turbulence at yesterday's annual meeting. as shareholders attacked everything from poor employee morale to the new BA

BA gave a further warning that the strength of the pound was affecting yields, leaving the shares 10p lower at 677 p. Bob Ayling, chief executive, said BA had "needlessly lost

tens of millions of pounds" in last week's industrial unrest. The full financial impact is likely to be disclosed next month when BA unveils its first-quarter results.

Nearly 1,400 cabin crew are still off sick after last week's 72-hour strike, which officially ended on Saturday. Services remain disrupted, and BA said it would take until Monday to restore full operations.

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, told the 980 shareholders at London's Barbican Centre that the disputes were close to being settled. He urged staff and shareholders to "hang on in there", saying: "I believe very sincerely that we are going to see efforts to

the present issues and problems behind us." A worldwide BA television network and an enhanced employee council are among

improve morale once we have

measures being considered. Mr Ayling, who says that cost savings of £1 billion a year are needed to keep BA competitive, faced repeated criticism from shareholders; many of them past or present BA

employees. One, Bernard Milton, accused Mr Ayling of alienating staff, saying: "There used to be a scheme called Putting People First (PPF). Now, PPF has come to mean putting profits first - and to hell with the

Mr Ayling said that change was never popular. He added: "I am seen as the person responsible for changing things and I would not for one moment deny that this has caused an upset."

He said that he hoped to push through his programme as quickly as possible, before seeking to rebuild relations.

ALFRED DUNHILL-

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OFT urges radical pensions overhaul

BY SARA MCCONNELL

THE Office of Fair Trading called for a radical overhaul of pension provision in Britain yesterday, condemning the present system as expensive and inadequate.

ten-month inquiry, John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, said many personal pension plans repre-sented "poor value", with benefits "frequently eroded by the high cost of marketing and fund management"

Company pension schemes based on final salary discriminated against early leavers; Mr Bridgeman said, leaving some employees who moved jobs several times up to 30 per cent worse off. Schemes based on contributions lacked economy of scale and suffered high fund management charges.

The comprehensive OFT report, which extended to three volumes, outlined proposals for a new-style personal pension, the designated personal pension or DPP. Workers not in company schemes would be able to contribute as they do to personal pensions. More con-troversially, the OFT suggests members of company schemes should be able to compel their employer to contribute to a

Under the OFT proposals, DPPs would be run collectively, rather than individually, which it said would cut costs. Bodies such as building societies and trade unions as well as insurers should become active

pension providers. Plan-holders would be charged a fixed fee related to the fund value rather than seeing large chunks of their investment used to pay upfront charges.

Pension contributions would be invested in indextracker funds instead of actively managed funds. The OET argued that this would eliminate "specious and confusing claims from salesmen about the superiority of actively managed pension funds. Mr Bridgeman said: There is little or no evidence that fund managers can deliver aboveaverage performance and every reason to believe that the average consumer would be better off with a passively

equal annuity rates for men and women and removal of the penalties levied by some providers on people who take their pension funds elsewhere to get a better annuity rate.

Publishing the findings of a But it held back from recommending that people be compelled to contribute to DPPs. It rejected arguments from trade unions and sections of the pensions industry that compulsory contributions were the only way to improve pension provision and were key to cutting marketing costs.

The pensions industry reacted angrily to OFT criticisms of existing personal pensions. Scottish Equitable attacked as "controversial and potentially very misleading" the report's conclusions about marketing. distribution and investment.

Ann Robinson, Director-General of the National Association of Pension Funds, said the report demonstrated a lack of understanding about the benefits of company schemes.

The Government is expected to announce an in-depth review of pensions this week, fleshing out its manifesto commitment to simple, low-cost "stakeholder" pensions to top up basic state benefits.

Too little, too late, page 29



Sir Colin Marshall, and Bob Ayling, seated, at BA's annual meeting yesterday

BT abandoned

By GEORGE SIVELL

THE Government yesterday

The OFT also called for possible to have an overseas

SIRTIM SAINSBURY, a non-

DTI officials said the deci-Sainsbury and former Tory MP for Hove, has added to his sion to redeem the BT special personal fortune by selling share had no implications for £4.53 million worth of shares other special shares. The Government still has golden shares in National in the supermarkets group. He sold 1.05 million shares Power, PowerGen, British En-

ergy. Rolls-Royce, British company disclosed yesterday. Aerospace, National Grid, Transco, Cable & Wireless. The sale was well-timed, with the shares having en-ScottishPower, Scottish Hydro joyed a strong rise since the and Northern Ireland Electric. end of June, reaching a 12-The scrapping of the BT month high after a prolonged spell of underperformance golden share was seen as a because of the company's lacksignal that Labour would give lustre showing against Tesco. BT more commercial freedom. The shares, which have traded Merger threat, page 26 as low as 308p this year, closed at 433p yesterday. The com-

executive director of J at 4312p each on Friday, the

> Sir Tim, a former Trade Minister, stood down at the the executive chairman.

> largest bus group, has sold a third of his family stake in the group for £2.03 million. He and his wife retain I per cent.

Golden share in

director as BT chairman or

withdrew its golden share in BT in response to a request from the company made just after the May I general election.

BT's golden share was created during the 1984 privatisation to protect the company from takeover. Yesterday, however, the Department of Trade and Industry explained that the British telecoms mar-ket had become increasingly competitive and that the international market had changed so much that the golden share was no longer necessary.

A 15 per cent limit on outside

shareholdings remains in BT company rules but it is now

Tim Sainsbury sells shares for £4.53m

pany said Sir Tim, who as an MP was the richest man in the House of Commons and who will still be left with nearly 4 per cent of the company, had not given a reason for the sale and was not obliged to as the shares came out of a family trust. He was unavailable for

> general election. He is a cousin of David Sainsbury, ☐ Moir Lockhead, chief executive of Firstbus, Britain's

. Railtrack seeks more power for Horton

By JASON NISSE

RAILTRACK, owner of Britain's privatised rail infrastructure, is planning to change its articles of association to give chairman Sir Robert Horton greater powers over beard decisions.
The group will ask its shareholders

next week to approve an amendment to the articles that would allow Sir Robert to hold board meetings via "a series of

the meeting".

Pirc, the pensions advisory body, has

noted that the articles say a Railtrack motion. Railtrack, which has been in board meeting will have a quorum if only two of its 12 board members are present. In addition, Sir Robert, as chairman, has a casting vote on board

Anne Simpson, managing director Pirc, said: This means that Sir Robert can phone someone up, say this is a board meeting and we've decided to do so and so." The consultants, which boasts clients managing £130 billion of votes, are recommending voting against the

conflict with the rail regulator and John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, said the change merely replaces a previous rule that allows board decisions to be made by posting a resolution to the board members and them posting back their votes.

It said this was used only in extreme cases but admitted it had been used twice in the group's 14 months as a public company. "This is an innova-tion which gives the company extra flexibilty and allows it to make

decisions quickly," said a The company added that Sir Robert

was required to call all board members and for them to leave contact numbers if they are out of the country. He was also required to give "reason-able" notice of board meetings. The spokeswoman said: "We do not say what is reasonable, but it would be more than 20 minutes." But Pirc notes that Sir Robert has the power to waive the notice of the meeting "retrospectively or in any way he wants".

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American retail sales

stage strong recovery

RETAIL sales in America recovered more strongly than

expected in June after three consecutive monthly declines, the

Commerce Department reported vesterday, suggesting a potential revival in consumer activity. Total retail sales

increased by 0.5 per cent last month, to a seasonally adjusted

\$210.3 billion, after a revised 0.3 per cent drop in May. A

surprising rise in sales by motor dealers boosted June sales.

Excluding new cars, June retail sales were up 0.3 per cent

after being flat in May.

Analysts are watching closely for evidence that growth may

re-accelerate in the second half, potentially leading the

Federal Reserve to raise interest rates to restrain expansion.

Earnings up at US banks

CHASE MANHATTAN and Citicorp, America's two largest

banks, reported a rise in second-quarter earnings despite

weakness in credit card and consumer banking operations.

Chase, which took over the top spot from Citicorp when it

acquired Chemical Bank last year, said net income rose to \$925 million (£537.8 million) from \$856 million a year earlier.

Citicorp, also based in New York, said earnings rose to \$1 billion in the quarter from \$952 million a year earlier.

Construction exports slip

Freight boost for P&O

The fire that disrupted services in the Channel Tunnei last November helped P&O to increase business on its cross-channel freight service by 75 per cent in the past three months, according to figures released yesterday.

The absence of competition from Le Shuttle whose freight service remained closed until May. helped P&O to attract 158,000 units in the first half of the year, against 98,100 last time. Overall passenger levels rose 7 per cent to 27 million.

Rock 'n' sold

VCI, the music and video publisher, has bought 1.000 master recordings of rock n roll tracks from Johnny Vincent, an American professional collector. for \$2 million (£1.2 million). Mr Vincent, 66, will take all the money in cash and will remain with the company as a consultant.

Scotia post

Scotia Holdings, the drug development group whose shares have lost more than half their value this year. has appointed Robert Dow as group medical and development director. Dr Dow joins from Roche in Basel, where he is worldwide director of drug development.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Seits
Australia \$	2.38	2.20
Austria Sch	22.18	20.52
Belgium Fr	65.32	60.36
Canada \$	2418	2.230
Cyprus CypE	0.927	0.856
Denmark Nr	12.06	11 17
Finland MH.	9 45	870
France Fr	10 63	985
Germany Dm	3 18	293
Greece Dr	498	459
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BT attempt to cut MCI price will put merger in jeopardy

ANY anempt by British Telecom to renegotiate the MCI purchase price risks legal retaliation in the American courts that could potenrially kill the merger, analysts

said vesterday.

MCI. the second-largest long-distance phone company in the US, wants the merger to go ahead on its original terms n spite of the surprise announcement last week that its local business will incur losses of \$500 (£475 million) this year, more than double the orevious estimate. BT agreed last November to pay about

TALKS between Boeing and

the European Commission on

the aircraft manufacturers

plans to merge with McDon-

nell Douglas ended last night

withour further concessions

Failure by the European

Union to approve the merger

raises the possibility of

another damaging transatlan-

tic trade dispute. EU competi-

tion experts will meet again

this morning to discuss the

merger. On July 4, the 15

competition representatives

from all the European states

agreed that the deal could not

Boeing's latest offers to win

SHIELD DIAGNOSTICS.

the Dundee company whose

future depends on its promis-

ing test for heart disease.

expects to name a marketing

partner before the end of the

Shield believes that its test

for Activated Factor 12 (AFT), a blood clotting agent, could replace cholesterol testing for

predicting the risk of heart

vear (Paul Durman writes).

£13 billion for MCI, using a tionary and, as such, do not mixture of cash and shares.

Bert Roberts, MCI's chairman and a non-executive director of BT, is expected to give shareholders a fuller account of the losses at BT's annual meeting in Edinburgh today.

Mr Roberts is under pres-sure from Sir Peter Bonfield. the BT chief executive who is to be chief executive of the merged group, called Concert, to seek the resignations of Douglas Maine, MCI's chief financial officer, and Tim Price, presidenr, over the profits warning. MCI could argue that a price reduction is not warranted

because the losses are discre-

European Union approval for the \$14 billion (£8.36 billion)

merger were not enough to

ease Commission concerns

about the deal's effect on

take a final decision at its

weekly meeting on July 23. Sources said that in some

areas the offers made by

Boeing were "not sufficient"

and in others they were "total-

☐ The European Commission

cleared payment of \$1.6 billion

in state-funded aid to Alitalia.

the Italian flag carrier, imposing various conditions in re-

evidence to support its claims.

Shield to market itself and so it

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Shield lost £1.3 million before tax, against a £276,000 profit

last time, after a large rise in

As the the company warned

In the year to March 31

The Commission plans to

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Boeing and EU fail

to break stalemate

By GEORGE SIVELL

Shield to name marketing

partner before year end

constitute a "material adverse change" in the financial status of the company. Andrew Har-MCI has no fear of litigarington, a Salomon Brothers analyts, said: "MCI can cur-

ing down the investment in its local business. If BT insists on dropping the price substantially. MCI could take the matter to court, a costly move that could delay the merger by a year or more and potentially destroy any goodwill between the companies. One analyst said: If MCI responds with litigation. it would destroy all morale and synergy. BT and MCI are sup-

GEM OF A YEAR: Mai-

colm Diamond, chief execu-

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tail the losses by simply slow-

other and if they don t, there is no sense in doing the deal."

tion. Founded in the 1960s, the company has made continuous use of the courts to hammer its way into new markets. Gerald Taylor, MCI's chief executive, described MCI in its early years as a "law office

with an antenna on the roof". The price of MCI shares does not suggest that any attempt by BT to reduce the purchase price substantially will fail. BT agreed to pay \$6 a share plus 5.4 BT shares (excluding dividends) for each MCI share, giving MCI an

posed to get along with each implied value of about \$43 at BT's current share price. MCI

> BT could attempt to drop the rice by reducing the number of BT shares payable to MCI shareholders. Some analysis think MCI is worth about \$25

MCI's losses in the local business stem from blocking tactics employed by the re-Baby Bells, to prevent longdistance operators such as AT&T, Sprint and MCI from competing in their markets. BT shares closed 4p down at

Warning on 'easy money' schemes

of company investigations.

By Jon Ashworth

NIGEL GRIFFITHS, the Consumer Affairs Minister, yesterday urged investors to steer clear of "easy money" schemes amid a sharp rise in the level

Welcoming the latest figures from the Department of Trade and Industry, he urged investors to be on their guard.

It also emerged that the number of insider-dealing inspections dealt with by DTI investigators rose from 13 to 21 last year. This was because of a higher volume of referrals from the London Stock

Ostrich, champagne and whisky businesses were among those that came to the attention of the DTI last year. Mr Griffiths said: "The public should let us know about possible scams so that we can tackle them before more damage is done."

The DTI completed 221 investigations in the year to March 31, resulting in 38 winding-up orders. Convictions were obtained against nine defendants and disqualification proceedings are pending in 21 cases. In all, 317 prosecutions, involving 353 defendants, were completed. Convictions were obtained in 95 per cent of these cases. Three hundred and twenty people were convicted, with 79 receiving custodial sentences.

UK CONSTRUCTION companies secured overseas contracts worth £4.8 billion in 1996, compared to £5.5 billion in 1995, according to provisional figures published by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions. About 40 per cent of these were in North America, with a further 20 per cent in the Far East. The value of work completed in 1996 was about £4.7 billion, compared with nearly £4 billion in 1995.

Centrica to supply Dutch

CENTRICA, the supply arm of the former British Gas. has agreed to supply one billion cubic metres of natural gas a year through the UK-Continent Interconnector pipeline to the Elsta power plant in The Netherlands. Deliveries should start in October 1998 when the Interconnector, linking Bacton, Norfolk, with Zeebrugge in Belgium, is due to open. It is the first agreement by Centrica to supply a major continental end-user directly and the first export sale of UK gas to a power project.

WH Smith airport deal

W H SMITH, the struggling retail group, has taken the concession to operate five news, book and gift stores in the new Hong Kong airport, due to open in a year's time. Smiths intends to open four branches of Waterstone's and one W.H. Smith. The concessions will run for five years. Smiths, which is searching for a new chief executive following the resignation of Bill Cockburn, is keen to develop its travel retail business in the US and Far East.

AIM Group improves

AIM GROUP, the railway and aircraft interiors company. increased pre-tax profits to E5.7 million (E3.9 million) in the year to April 30 on turnover of E73.98 million (E67.3 million). Earnings per share were 30.7p (20.3p). The final dividend of 6p (4p) will be paid on October 3, lifting the total to 9p (5.5p). Jeff Smith, chairman, said: The improving margin trend should ensure that further progress is made... much of the profit falling into the second half of the financial year."

Texas powers ahead

TEXAS INSTRUMENTS ran up powerful second-quarter earnings, boosted by strong revenues for its newest computer chips and higher operating margins. In the three months to end-June net income rose to \$249 million (£145 million), or \$1.26 a share, from \$76 million (39 cents a share) in the same period last year. Revenues were up from \$2.4 billion to \$2.56 billion. Semi-conductor revenues rose 17 per cent from the same quarter last year, and 10 per cent on the first quarter of 1997.

Cowie chooses successor

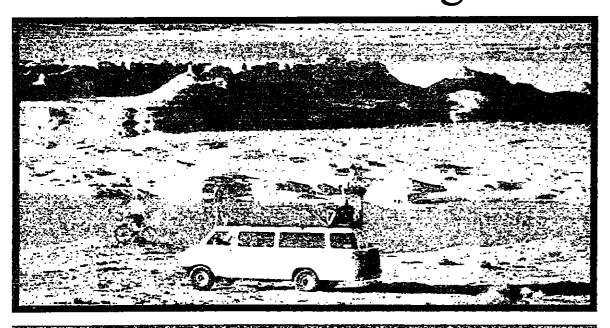
COWIE, the transport group, has named Michael Gwilt as an eventual successor to Gordon Hodgson, its chief executive. Mr Gwilt, who has spent his career in sales and marketing, joined the main board in March and will become group managing director in January. The company said that he will "assume progressively the responsibilities of chief executive". The shares were unchanged at 351p yesterday.

fastenings, where annual attacks and strokes. in January, it was hit by a fall Although the company has in sales of its tests for syphilis pre-tax profits at March 31 rose to £7 million from £5.7 produced much persuasive and chlamydia.

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CrestCo plans expansion of settlement operations

CRESTCO, the company re-sponsible for Crest, the comsystem, wants to expand operations into the settlement of gilts. unit trusts and open-(Gavin Lumsden writes).

million, after five acquisitions

in the preceding 13 months.

Earnings per share were 27.6p

(23.42p). The final dividend of

6.67p (5.8p), due on September

2, makes a total of 10p (8.7p).

lain Saville, chief executive of CrestCo, speaking on the first anniversary of the launch of Crest, said the main competitive threat comes from France. Germany and the US, where equity and bond settle-ment is combined.

In its first year, Crest settled 15 million transactions, 85 per cent on the due date, a better performance than Talisman, paper-based predecessor run by the Stock Exchange. The backlog of trades had been halved to 61,000 since the blackspot in April, when volumes brought on by the end of the tax-year, nearly brought the system to a standstill.

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pockets. However, it may explain why the Stock Exchange has not been able to make any progress with its investigation into the group's misleading interim results published in January 1995. Maybe the investigators are taking some time to digest the change of name. Of the trio who "saved" Cray in the early 1990s, Sir Peter Michael walked away with £126

million worth of shares, Roger Holland bought a Cray subsidiary with assets of £15.5 million for just El, and Jon Richards is receiving a payoff that could total £640,000. Mr Richards, who The Times

revealed had magically pre-sented a £1 million loss as a £7.8 million profit, has already picked up £267,000 in cash and a £56,000 pension payment. If he does not receive a remunerative post by next March he picks up another £134,000 and will get an additional £134,000 if he is still out of work come September 1998. This is hardly an incentive

Holdings, Saatchi & Saatchi became Cordiant, and Cray Electronics became Anne. But changing the company's name changing the company's name does not seem to dim Anite's ability to lose shareholders' money while lining its directors' pockets. However, it may explain why the Stock Exphange has not a constructed but Anite shareholder should force the company to stop these further payments immediately. Never mind his economy with the truth. This is the man

who presided over a meltdown in Anite profits and shares, with the group making a £19.2 million loss in 1995-96 and a £50.4 million loss last year. Mr Richards was handsomely rewarded when the group was apparently doing well. Should be be rewarded for it doing badly?

Evidence is now emerging that Anite was never doing that well in the good times anyway. Yes-terday, it wrote off £34 million to cover its property problems, which apparently dated back to the late 1980s and were bubbling under the surface during the Michael/Holland/Richards era. It also lost £26 million on businesses recently sold and revealed it was changing an interesting accounting policy. This allowed it to take nearly a quarter of the profit from com-

puter service contracts, which

A little Anite music



COMMENTARY by our City Editor

often last for at least a year, in the first month of the deal. Even this cannot explain how a £1 million loss was presented as a £7.8 million profit

The Cray/Anite story stinks. The Stock Exchange must get to grips with the accusations that the group misled shareholders, or pass the papers to someone who might. The DTI perhaps?

Tarnished EMU remains on track

ishful thinking has dominated the EMU debate in this country over the past few months. Commentators and politicians are now broadly united in their scepticism towards the single currency - with even the pre-viously pro-EMU CBI expected

a danger that British observers have confused a desire to see the project fall with the reality that EMU has lost some of its shine but remains tentatively on track.

Traders in the European markets, though, are convinced the project will not collapse unless Kohl says so. The JP Morgan EMU calculator, which measures market expectations, shows the market all but convinced that a broad euro will go ahead on time. But while the focus remains on the political difficulties surrounding the start of the project there has been little examination of the tensions that will result from the creation of a broad and soft euro. In particular, the market's current vision of the single currency seems certain to set the Bundesbank-style European Central Bank on a

collision course with the "Chib

its European ardour. But there is Med" members of EMU. On paper the ECB looks watertight. A specific commitment to price stability has been enshrined in its constitution, while it has also been excluded from granting credit to governments or any European Institutions to plug

budget holes.

But the Bundesbank derives its real strength from its reputation has taken a long time to build a sufficient power base with which to challenge the might of the German Government. The ECB, however, could find itself in conflict with European Governments before it has time to establish its own credentials. As a timely paper from UBS points out, the ECB faces three immediate fault lines when trying to marry its task of fixing price stability with exchange rate, unemployment and fiscal policy

across the euro area. It would be premature to assume a soft euro is doomed, but the market's reaction to a clash between the ECB and the Club Med governments will quickly make recent squabbles over deficit criteria seem like Euro-harmony.

EU clogs up the waterworks

ater companies should be able to wipe the political slate clean after paying the lion's share of the windfall tax and satisfying John Prescott over leak control at his water summit. But tensions are already building up over the

next water price review.

The Ofwar National Consumer Council has issued a warning about extra EU directives being promoted in Brussels. These could raise average household bills by a further £21 a year. partly because expensive work already done would no longer pass muster,

Ian Byatt, Director-General of

review. His gradualist approach to bringing down returns on assets allowed the City to demand large cash handouts in year one, albeit most were sugared by relief for customers. This time, he wants to ape power regulators and demand a signifi-

cant up-front price cut.
The trouble is that, in water, this would be followed by real annual price increases, probably even without extra EU imposts. Customers trying to juggle their bills are unlikely to appreciate such efforts. They deserve a freeze on charges. The trend away from high and volatile inflation allows this. Prices are already high enough to accommodate a good rate of investment on improvements. Spending should be kept within these means, if necessary by shuffling priorities.

OFT repeated

WHAT happens to the usually forthright John Bridgeman when confronted with the City? The Director-General of Fair Trading keeps giving under-writers another chance to sort out the cost of raising money. Now, when faced with high charges by pension providers. he reckons competition will sort this out. But there are nearly 200 life Water Services, is determined to so efficent everyone would have a avoid what followed his last price pension with Equitable Life.

Talks are off at loss-hit Kenwood

By Sarah Cunningham

KENWOOD, the struggling household appli-ances group, revealed it plunged into loss last year and said talks with its smaller rival Pifco, which has been stalking it for months, have ended.

Colin Gordon, Kenwood's new chief executive, said the board had looked at proposals made by Pifco and decided they would not lead to a satisfactory offer. The proposals were not put to shareholders. Pifco declined to comment.

Kenwood incurred a loss of £11.4 million in the year to April 4 after taking

an exceptional reorganisation charge of £15.5 million. A year earlier, it made a profit of £15.6 million. The company will not be paying a final dividend so the total for

the year will be 3.25p (10p). Mr Gordon said that profits in the first half of the current year are likely to be lower than last year because of difficult trading conditions and the strong pound. If current exchange rates prevail for the whole year profits will be knocked by £4 million.

Mr Gordon was appointed after Tim Beech. his predecessor, left after a shareholder revolt earlier this year. UK Active Value built up a 9 per cent stake and then forced a vote, which it lost, on whether the company should be put up for sale.

The company cut 416 jobs last year. It is reviewing all its operations and will decide at the end of this year whether more jobs will go. Mizushi, its Italian air conditioning business, has performed poorly again and the comparty is keen to sell it.

Operating margins across the group declined from 9.3 per cent to 4.3 per cent last year, Mr Gordon said that the business had been wrong to focus on increasing turnover rather than maintain or improve margins and his main objective is to "substantially improve margins in the next few months.

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SBC agrees link-up with Japanese bank

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

SWISS Bank Corporation has ees, most of whom would agreed a wide-ranging strategic link with Japan's most prominent wholesale bank to prepare both for Tokyo's planned "Big Bang" financial deregulation, scheduled for the turn of the century.

SBC and the Long Term Credit Bank of Japan have agreed three 50:50 joint ventures to be cemented by group financial links. SBC will also inject cash into LTCB, which is suffering one of the worst baddebt problems of any leading Japanese bank, to improve its capital ratios.

The most significant new venture will bring together the Tokyo securities and corporate finance business of SBC Warburg and LTCB's smaller. mainly debt-related business. The new investment bank would aim to expand from an existing base of 700 employ-

come from SBC Warburg. A letter of intent signed yesterday includes plans to forge a new Tokyo-based fund management business based on SBC Brinson, the Swiss bank's international investment business, and LTCB's domestic pension fund management operations. Brinson manages about £75 billion, much of it in equities, while LTCB controls about £5.5 billion, mostly in debt.

Katsunobo Onogi, LTCB's president, called the alliance the perfect response to the opportunities presented by the Big Bang". The two banks will also offer private banking for wealthy people. The Swiss bank operates private banking extensively round the world but it is claimed to be a new phenomenon in Japan.



de Gier: "client-focused"

a 3 per cent stake in the other. In LTCB's case, this will be in new shares. SBC, which has a strong capital base, will subscribe about £365 million in new LTCB preference shares as part of a £1.1 billion capital Each parent group will take raising aimed to restore the capital-raising.

sheet. Although the capital injection will give LTCB high capital ratios, it is likely to be used to allow it to write off bad and doubtful debts.

Warburg and Morgan Stanley's mutual desire to strengthen their Far East operations was one motive for their aborted merger. The subsequent takeover of Warburg by SBC did little to boost Far East operations. The LTCB tie-up, which raises money in wholesale markets for long-term industrial loans, will add a leading Japanese financial name and a fine list of potential bluechip Japanese customers.

Hans de Gier, executive chairman of SBC Warburg, said:"We will be home to the most creative, dynamic and client-focused team in Japan and beyond". SBC Warburg gains business immediately by acting for LTCB in its

Northern Electric hit by bid costs

NORTHERN ELECTRIC spent £10 million in its failed attempt to thwart CalEnergy, the US company that gained control of the regional electricity company last year after a bitter bid battle (Christine Buckley writes).

The bid costs and the impact of the distribution price review helped to cut pre-tax profits at the company 31 per cent to E103 million in the year to the end of March.

Northern was not obliged to publish its figures but did so for its preference shareholders. The amount of electricity it distributed rose 1.4 per cent in the year, while turnover increased 5.7 per cent. Northern still has to decide

how it will pay its £118 million windfall tax. The company was highly geared at 125 per cent before CalEnergy bought the business. CalEnergy itself came under heavy scrutiny arrangements in the US after it emerged that its debt was junk rated.

Property cover sends Anite £50.4m into red

ANITE, the computer networks and software group that parted company with its chief executive in March, has slumped to a £50.4 million loss after making a £32.2 million provision to cover the cost of dealing with 34 unwanted

properties.

The full-year results also show Anite has set aside £640,000 to pay compensation to Jon Richards, its former chief executive. Mr Richards has already received £323,000 and will receive the balance, in two tranches, if he does not secure a job paying £268,000 a

year by September next year. Mr Richards left Anite, formerly known as Cray Electronics, in the wake of reports in The Times that showed senior management was aware of serious trading difficulties at least five months before it issued a shock profits

warning in April 1995. The Stock Exchange has reopened its inquiry into this matter, though Alec Daly, Anite's chairman, yesterday declined to comment on the progress of the investigation.

Mr Daly said: "There are no major issues within this company that we have not exposed and we are now looking forward. The group has been transformed. We do now have two divisions which are profitable, cash generative and

Last year, increased profits of E6.9 million (£5.2 million) from the continuing software and network integration businesses were wiped out by the £26.3 million loss Anite suffered on its Case Technology manufacturing businesses. which were sold in February.

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Inn Business calls time on buying and goes for growth



Alan Jackson reported pre-tax profit of £2.92 million

By DOMINIC WALSH

1NN Business Group, the pub operator nursed back to health by Alan Jackson, the former Whitbread executive, has called time on acquisitions after a hectic two years of

takeover activity.

Since reversing Inn Business into debt-ridden United Breweries in April 1995, Mr Jackson has spent £55 million on acquisitions, the biggest being the 130 million purchase in November of Sycamore Taverns. But yesterday Mr Jackson

said the focus was now firmly on organic growth. "Obviously if somebody came along with a super earnings-enhancing deal we'd look at it."

The company has about 500 tenanted pubs and 27 managed houses. It plans to expand the managed division to about 75 pubs. The recently acquired Hooden Horse food-led concept is to be developed from eight outlets to at least 30.

Mr Jackson outlined his strategy as he reported pre-tax profit up from £386,000 to £2.92 million in the half year to May 31. Turnover rose from £5.59 million to £15.46 million. Earnings per share jumped from 0.97p to 3.19p, and the dividend, due on October 15, is 13.6 per cent higher at 0.625p.

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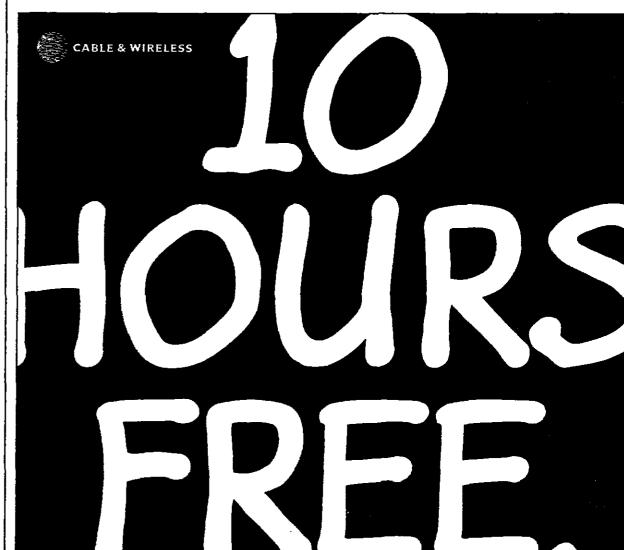
gine as its generator is to be built in Birmingham at a cost of £35 million by Rolls-Royce. It is being built for Eastern Group, the electricity supplier. which will provide gas to fuel

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Brokers help to fuel another record rise

CITY brokers have been busi-ly sharpening their pencils ahead of the forthcoming bank interim dividend reporting season. Their collective fundings fuelled further impressive gains that helped to drive the equity market to another closing high.

Hopes are high strong earn-ings and dividend growth will be a feature of this season's results and this was reflected in share prices. Barclays put on 18½p at £12.52½. HSBC 85p at a new peak of £20.86p, Lloyds TSB 22½p at 697½p, Royal Bank of Scotland 24p at 634p. and Standard Chartered 265 p at £10.00.

But NatWest fell 512p to 853p after cautious comments from several brokers. In a major review of the banking sector. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson has reiterated its "sell" recommendation on NatWest. while SBC Warburg has downgraded from a "buy" to a "hold". Warburg says fair value is 820p.
Top of Kleinwort's shopping

list is HSBC, which it says is a "buy" up to the £24 level. It also rates Lloyds TSB a "buy" up to \$30p and and has upgraded Barclays and Standard from a"hold" to "add". Halifax, unchanged at 756p, is reduced from a "hold" to "reduce". Lehman Brothers, the US securities house, is also positive on HSBC, forecasting a price of £22 short-term.

The latest survey from the British Retail Consortium failed to reflect growing infationary pressures and provided a firm start for trading generally. Another bout of selective support among blue chips sent prices racing sharply to briefly breach the 4.900 level. As a result, London shrugged off an opening deficit on Wall Street. The FTSE 100 Index closed 41,9 up at a new high of 4,899.3. The FTSE 350 closed just 19.0 better at 2,344.9. Total turnover reached 939 million shares.

The drug companies continued to stretch this week's gains with the help of results from overseas companies such as Roche and Johnson & johnson. £21.98, while Glaxo Wellcome put on 8½ p at £13.85. ICI also edged 8p higher at \$88p after this week's £2 billion sale of its bulk chemical business and there was demand elsewhere in the sector for BOC Group, up 20p to El0.624p. Ellis & Everard, 10p to 250p, and Croda International, 17p to



Phillip Stephens, of UBS, left, and Masoyoshi Hanabusa, of Hitachi Credit (UK), which made its debut yesterday

271p. Laporte. 252p to 6312p.

and BTP. 14¹2p to 276p. BT was again on the slide. retreating 4p to 45212p ahead of today's annual meeting. The directors will probably be pressed on last week's surprise profits warning from MCI, its proposed merger partner in the US. Shareholders will no doubt want to know why BT had no idea about the probwill now proceed. Scottish & Newcastle rose 24p to 752p with the help of a recommendation from Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker, while Whithread put on 212p at 850p. The shares were changing hands at 760p the day after the Budget.Grand Mctropolitan fell 82p to 606p and Guinness a similar amount to anxiously awaiting

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THE building society windfalls are starting to find their way into the tills of the big high street retailers, according to the latest British Retail Consortium survey.

But shopkeepers are worried by the impact of persistent rises in interest rates. unable to pass on price rises to customers and this has dampened down inflation.

The pick-up for retailers was reflected in many of yesterday's moves, with Dix-ons Group up 23½p at 583½p and MFI Furniture 3p firmer at 136p after receiving an additional boost from ABN Amro Hoare Govett, the broker, which continues to rate the shares a "buy". Others to go better included Argos, 15p to 6222p: Kingfisher, 182p to 733 p; Boots, 21 p to 809p; UNO. 20p to 295p; and W H Smith, 13½ p to 364p.

been pent-up demand for selective retailers because of the recovery in the housing market, which has now begun to filter through to

durable goods. Good news flows have been underpinning sentiment," said one broker.

of LVMH, to merge their various drinks arms. He has opposed the £23 billion Guinness/GrandMet merger. One of the best performances among the top 100 companies was seen in RollsHong Kong

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Royce, which ended op better at 222p as almost eight million shares changed hands.
Smith & Nephew moved up 74 p to 1714 p as Salomon Brothers, the US securities

house, moved from "hold" to "buy" and put a 200p target price on the shares.
Increased losses left Shield Diagnostics 32½p down on the day at 510p. In spite of the

year. Walker Cripps. Weddle. Beck, the broker, is excited about prospects.

Biocompatibles eased 3p to £12.16½, but whispers around the Square Mile claim Johnson & Johnson is poised to make an offer. At these levels Biocompatibles is valued at

volatilty in the share price this

almost £900 million. Hitachi Credit (UK) made an encouraging start in firsttime trading after a placing by UBS, the broker, at 135p. The shares started at 1425 p before closing at 1442p, the best of

the day. Cairn Energy, up 162p at 514 p. is linking with Shell, down 4 p at 424p to jointly bid for further new blocks in Bangladesh. Shell is also pay-ing Cairn \$130 million (£77.5

million) for a half stake in it existing field. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Prices drifted lower again for much of the day although support at the lower levels enabled London to outperform its main European rivals. Worries about a further tightening of German monetary policy and a possible rise in interest rates were offset by mild US retail sales and the British

Retail Consortium survey. The Bank of England has decided to offer £2 billion of Treasury 8 per cent 2021 in next week's auction.

The September series of the Long Gilt finished E116 cheaper at El1418 as a total of 78,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 £109716, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished all-square at

□ NEW YORK: The Dow Jones industrial average slipped to negative ground in early trading. At midday the index was down 29.03 points

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THE bosses of BT and MCl are singing the same song - the merger stands, the strategy is fine and the two boards are united. Sir Peter Bonfield might get through today's annual

thinks the merger terms are credible they should look at the MCI and BT share prices. BT originally offered \$6 plus 5.4 of its shares for each MCl share. Last night, the

company is worth?

The answer is that Sir Peter feels he has little

BT stays on the party line

meeting of BT if he keeps chanting that mantra. Meanwhile, the foundations of his deal with MCI are shuddering. If anyone still

implied price of MCI on the merger terms was about \$43 compared with an actual price for MCI of \$36 per share. Assuming the market is not crazy, BT investors should be asking Sir Peter why he is prepared to pay almost 20 per cent more for MCI than the

choice but to back the MCI bosses. If you believe the publicity, BT and MCI have been thick as thieves since 1994 when the UK company acquired 20 per cent of the American long-distance operator. BT backed the MCl men, their strategy and the investment of billions into building a local US telephone network. In order to back out of this deal, Sir Peter would almost have to accuse MCI of concealing information about the local network debacle. In the meantime, investors who. turn up in Edinburgh might ask Sir Peter whether BT really needs a local US network and, if not, why support the investment?

Arbitrageurs looking for a cheap way into BI will now be in a quandary. Buying MCI today, you can get BT shares at a 20 per cent discount, unless the deal is renegotiated. But it is still on, isn't it?

Kenwood

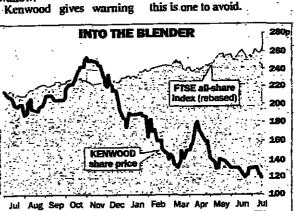
KENWOOD looks like it has been shredded in one of its own blenders. The company has endured three different chief executives and two chairman, lived through a shareholder revolt led by UK Active Value and fought off the attentions of rival Pifco. Yesterday's news of dire

results are cold comfort for rid of the last chief executive. Rather than offering hope for the future, the figures paint a bleak picture of Kenwood's decline. While sales crept higher last year. margins collapsed from 9.3 per cent to 4.3 per cent. In the UK, market share for Kenwood products has in-

creased but at a huge cost. The Italian business, particularly the Mizushi air conditioning company, had a disastrous year. Kenwood

now wants to sell the busines, but will will struggle to find a buyer. Plans to focus on the Kenwood brand and increase product outsourcing sound very much like the old management's dressed in new clothes; the reorganisation cost of £15.5 million will be hard to swallow

that the first half of this year will be worse than last year, and talks of another hit from sterling. Moreover, it is not paying a final dividend, nor promising one for next year. With a Pifco bid now out of the frame, there is little to sustain the share price. A further substantial fall could see more takeover interest, but for now



British Airways

THE word new cropped up 15 times in Robert Ayling's description of British Airways' new mission yesterday. BA's chief executive told the annual meeting, about a new identity and new corporate colours for a new millennium. Could this he new British Airways under new Labour?

Unfortunately, Mr Ayling was unable to include new labour relations in his theme. The omission, not entirely his fault, is critical to BA's strategy of competing head to head in every section of the airline market, right down to the lowliest cost cutter in the industry. He plaintively notes that some of his comnot very hidden reference to

Virgin and British Midland.

BA pays its junior cabin crew a basic salary, exclud-ing allowances, of about £11,000, 10 per cent more than crews working for competitors as well as cabin crew at GB Airways, a BA fran-

chise. Last week's strike cost the airline heavily and it is clear that BA cannot afford another strike which would severely damage bookings in the crucial summer season. If BA fails to strike a deal soon, investors should sell.

What this strike reveals is that for all the hooplah about BA's attack on costs, the company is probably work-ing with higher overheads than domestic competitors such as Virgin or British Midland. In the circumstarices one might wonder why BA so resolutely pursues volume and scale instead of charging for better service, but suicidal pricing was al-

ways a feature of this

Aston Villa

BIG loss, good news. Wel-come to the wonderful world of football finance. Any nor-mal company that forecast profits of £2.8 million at flotation but then made a loss of £3.9 million would face a

lynch mob. But Aston Villa's shares rose 30p.

Aston Villa's loss was blamed on the expense of buying top flight players - namely Stan Collymore, the disaffected former Liverpool striker. The word on the Holte End terraces is that someone helping Dwight Yorke knock the goals in, added to the best defence in the Premiership, gives Villa a good chance of winning something this year.

Poor performance on the pitch has been a problem for Villa. The club's early exit from the FA and Coca-Cola cups accounted for the fall in operating profit from £6.2 million to £5.4 million.

Things look better this year, partly because of an inexciting prospect of pay-per-view TV. There may be worries about Doug Ellis's allconsuming control over the club, but if there is good value in the football sector, it is represented by Villa.

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with the 90 per cent of people who retire on less than the

maximum pension of two-

by the Inland Revenue.

The contrast is even more marked when the average

wage of around £18,000 is taken into account. What is

more alarming is that 60 per

cent of men, traditionally still

the breadwinner, make less

than this average, and one in

four make no extra pension

the report suggests the encour-

agement of simple, flexible, low-cost pensions based on

index-tracking techniques. However, it holds back from

suggesting that contributing to

ment will announce a review of pensions, which is expected

provision whatsoever.

The OFT also attacked the

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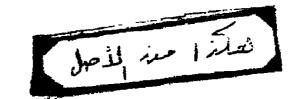
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"It's Albert Einstein. Can someone explain his pension policy to him again?"

approach. The skills required drive salaries

Nicola Horlick's pay and pension deal was more than £1 million



Helen Liddell placed the blame firmly on the pensions industry

An ageing population meant that those not covered by company schemes could no longer rely on the state to provide adequate cover at retirement. For example, over the next couple of decades the value of the basic pension will fall - as a percentage of average earnings - to half

what it is today. The life insurance companies saw the handing over of pensions provisions to the

private sector as a golden

opportunity to relieve the public to the tune of £4 billion. Life insurance salesmen, earning hundreds of thousands of pounds in commission, encouraged miners, nurses and other public-sector workers to leave schemes with guaranteed benefits to take out plans where the charges in some cases meant that none of the policyholders' contributions were invested for up to four

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THE BATICE OF FAIR THADING INQUIRY INTO PENSIONS

Simple, low-cost, flexible DPP plan

creates sensation of too little, too late

criticism from consumer bodmune to scandal either. Six ies and the Government, the years ago Robert Maxwell, the industry has failed to take the problem seriously, blaming compensation delays on administrative his ailing empire. In the Around 500,000 of the seven million people with personal pensions are believed to be introduced tougher rules govaffected by this problem. Some the costs of which are pushing believe that the figure could be even higher.

John Bridgeman saw the cause of the chaos in more complicated terms

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The 20 million or so employees who have company contributions — in a similar way to personal pensions. The Government is not im-

mune to criticism in its handling of pensions. In what was described as a multibillionpound raid in the last Budget. Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, scrapped tax relief on pension fund dividends, raising around £5 billion a year. The cost to those in company schemes is expected to be around £190 annually, while those with personal pensions could be looking at a cut of around 15 per cent in total

The National Association of Pensions Funds (NAPF) be-lieves that the change could cost a total of £75 billion. However, others claim that it will just result in a different valuation basis for company pension schemes. Changes to the investment strategies of pensions will further limit the

esterday, John Bridgeman, Director-General of Fair Trading, proposed a new type of personal pension called a Designated Personal Pension (DPP), which would avoid some of the current weaknesses. He called on ministers to include the DPP in future pensions policy. DPPs would work on the basis of collective investment rather than everyone having their own individual pension "pot". In response to concerns about high pension plan charges, DPPs would only be allowed to charge a fixed fee. A worker who decided to opt for a DPP would be entitled to a contribution to it from his or her employer. "DPPs would provide a secure and economic way of providing for retire-

ment," said Mr Bridgeman. The Government now has the difficult task of maximising pensions for those who are already in work, as well as finding a long-term solution for future generations. They must do this in a way that will not lead to the industry exploiting the public for a second **America** provides possible savings solution

By Anne Ashworth

IN THE past few years British politicians have searched the globe for a model for pension provision. The Tories were most impressed with the Chilean system. Labour has examined not only the Chilean plan but also arrangements in Argentina and Singapore.

But to date no minister has extolled the virtues of the 401(k). America's answer to the universal pension conundrum: how to limit pension costs for employers while giving employees flexibility, and the hope of a decent income in retirement.

Employees save tax-free in 401(k) plans, which take their name from a section of the US tax code. They are comparable to UK money-purchase company schemes but differ in many important aspects, including investment choice. Employers match their workers' contributions up to a certain level but do not guarantee the benefits payable, so reducing their expenditure. At larger companies. 401(k) plans will often supplement defined benefit schemes, with guaranteed

Employees changing jobs can take their pensions to a new company. They will also soon be enjoying extra protec-tion from plundering bosses in legislation planned by the Clinton Administration. Employees can choose between a range of bond, index and equity funds.

The explosive growth of the 401(k) has proved a boon not only for the mutual funds industry (the US equivalent of the unit trust sector) but also for the stock market. The regular flow of funds into 401(k) plans has powered the upsurge of the Dow Jones

industrial average. However, some 401(k) plan holders fight shy of equities, one drawback of the system. Jessica Mann, of the global asset team at Watson Wyatt, the actuaries, explains: "There are 30-year-olds with half of their money in cash and bonds, as they do not see that the highest growth long term will come from equities."

Some believe the simplicity of the 401(k), which has encouraged Americans to increase their retirement savings, make it the pension paradigm Brit-ain should copy. Others say the cost of the changeover would be prohibitive.



Clinton: pension legislation

Martin Waller on whether index-tracking fund

Man and machine battle for supremacy

the battle is between man and machine; the outcome could mean the loss of thousands of highly paid jobs. The argument is between active and passive fund management. For years, the men and women thirds of final salary allowed who have charge of the nation's pensions have adopted an active role and rewarded themselves handsomely for the risks they have

findings of the Office of Fair

Trading. It faces a fundamen-

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Horlick's entire pay package introduce personal pensions, was estimated at more than £1

taken with other people's money.

This meant scrutinising every single share that makes up their individual funds. Rigorous analysis, using research techniques evolved in the higher branches of mathematics, are used. To widen the appeal of They show, in excruciating detail, why such and such a share should be bought or sold. pensions to the mass market.

In addition, there is the personal touch. Fund managers are on first-name terms with executives at the companies whose shares they hold. Information passes to the market, sometimes in ways that skirt the insider

a pension scheme should be trading laws. So managers actively trade the shares in their portfolios, selling this stock on a profit warning, buying that on an upgrade of this year's profits forecast. It is an expensive Later this week, the Governto take on board some of

management is better than the personal touch

high - Nicola Horlick, the El million-a-year "superwoman" at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, was not exceptional. There are also the endless

In recent years a more passive approach has gained ground. Why not just buy a selection of all the stocks on the market, spreading the risk of individual share price collapses but gaining from the market's apparently unstoppable rise? A simple computer program will ensure a representative holding of, for example, the FISE 100 index or any other index. The fund merely tracks the market.

The advantages are cost and, possibly, a more even return over a number of years. Those six-figure salaries need not be paid and there are fewer dealing costs. And individual fund managers have good years and bad ones. The decision by PDFM, a typical active fund, to scale down equity holdings in favour of cash

in 1995 has made the fund manager one of the worst performers since then.

There are more sophisticated forms of passive fund management. So-called quantitative management uses a number of different measures to decide in which shares to invest. But this is still an objective process, the computer programs themselves throwing up the chosen investments, rather than a subjective one of individual stock-picking.

n 1995, according to the National Association of Pension Funds, a fifth of all pension schemes used indexed methods, at least in part. The figure for the public sector, which prefers a secured, safe return, is a third. The unanswered question is whether tracker funds outperform actively managed funds over a long period. Active funds have certainly performed best over the past couple of years, in

part for technical reasons to do with the number of partial stock market flotations, which disadvantage the trackers. Paul Klumpes, of Lancaster University, in a

paper for the OFT, admits that the evidence is contradictory. But he says the main arguments "imply that it will be difficult for active investment managers to consistently outperform passive funds, especially when the effects of fees and transaction costs are accounted for".

Passive analysis has plenty of critics in the City. Aside from the potential job losses, there is disquiet over the notion of turning over fund management to impersonal "black boxes". The 1987 stock market crash was made more vertiginous by the number of computerised trading systems on Wall Street that were hard

The head of one City investment house, which had long shunned the shares of a particular company but had just bought a parcel of stock, was then phoned by its chief executive, who congratulated him on his decision to start investing again. "Nothing to do with human intelligence, old boy - it was only the black box," he replied.

Flame flickers

the lighter manufacturer he was thrown out of six weeks ago. He is refusing to speak to me, but I hear he has ap-proactied an offshore fund that holds almost 18 per tent of the company and offered to buy the stake at twice the market price, in order to call based in the Middle East, that an extraordinary meeting to have his tormentors thrown

out in their turn.

The stake is held by Albion Consolidated. He received a dusty reply. The ever-optimistic Hodgson had the backing of a big Hong Kong concern.



THE ghost of Howard Hodg. The funds paid 25p a share son still hovers over Ronson, last year and were offered Zip. against a price last night of 142p. With access to fresh funds, he planned to come back as chief executive of a company he is still besotted with and revive its fortunes. Alas, a slight miscalculation. It was the misnamed Albion, was most offended by his livein relationship with Christine Pickles, the former acting finance director. This may even have influenced the decision to refuse his offer.

> • MIKE GREENLEES, the head of GGT Group, is worried about how the City per-ceives his company. Well, for a start the City is worried about how its expensive purchase, BDDP, is doing. Linda Kaplan-Thaler, the creative director of the New York arm of BDDP and a big cheese there, is leaving. Known for her work on Toys 'R' Us, Compag and Foot Locker, she wants to spend "more time with her family". You can buy them, but you can't keep them.

Clear as mud EVERYTHING you always wanted to know about pen-sions but were too befuddled

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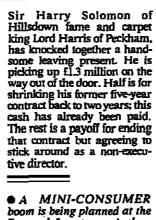
Any questions? No. I didn't

think there would be.

Trading's three-volume study into the subject decided that pension products have been marketed in an "unnecessarily complex way" which has confused the simple consumer. Absolutely. To make things easier, I have reproduced a section of the report dealing

Deep pile NICHOLAS JEFFREY, who is "retiring" as executive deputy chairman of H&C Furnishings, the furniture business

that last year brought together



Personal Investment Authority. There is talk of exotic holiday brochures being passed from hand to hand and much excited scanning of the prop erty pages. The reason is the creation of the planned "super-SIB", the umbrella body that will encompass the PIA, the Securities and Investments Board and all that other spilt Scrabble board of regulatory organisations. plus some of the Bank of England's policing duties.

It seems that, for purely his-torical reasons, the PIA staff have always earned rather less than their SIB counterparts. This is because they have tended to be drawn from the ranks of the personal finance world rather than from banking, and personal finance people have never been paid as much as bankers. The dream is that when the two are united, pay scales will have to be brought in line — and the SIB people are not going to accept a cut.

Bearing up

BOB AYLING, of BA, on how he copes with the pressure of being Britain's most hated boss: "I wake up in the morning thinking I had better get a cup of tea for my wife. That's my first job. Then I think about whether the children have eaten all the fruit, and whether there's any left for me.

"And then I think about Farming Today — I've learned more about farming in Britain over the last 10 years than I ever knew before. And then I start thinking about what the day's got in store. And then I start thinking about getting to

MARTIN WALLER



Lord Harris of Peckham: £1.3 million parting shot

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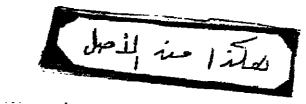
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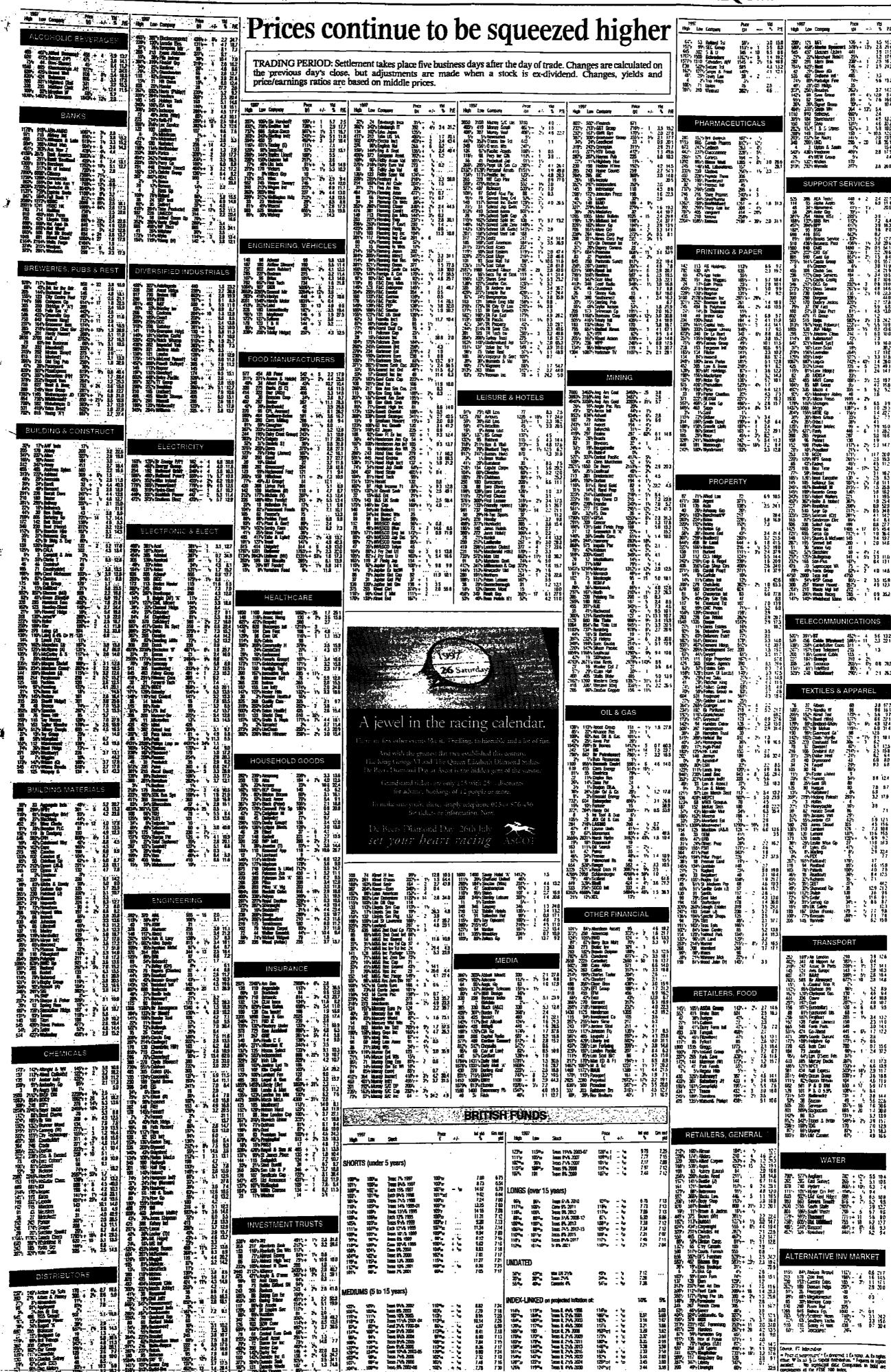
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Master of the maverick class

they were? It shouldn't take long to answer that perennial question this season. For after the profundity of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis on the First Night (this Friday), and the resuscitation of a hardly-known Schubert opera about the Crusades to excite the classical anoraks on Saturday, the Albert Hall will go stark staring funky on Sunday.

In one exhilarating, noisy programme the American composer John Adams will steer the Ensemble Modern through a kind of Sprint History of Maverick American Music. It will range from minimalist pieces by Steve Reich and Philip Glass, and a new work by Adams himself, to extracts from Frank Zappa's The Yellow Shark.

Regrettably there won't be anything by Charles Ives, the pilgrim father of American musical eccentricity. But his spiritual successor. the 80-year-old Lou Harrison, will be represented by his Concerto for Organ and Percussion (reviewed below by Jamie James) — in which. it is whispered, the organist must administer several clouts on his keyboard with a mallet. That's something you don't get in Bach.
And the Prom will also unveil a

commissioned piece by Michael Gordon, the new enfant terrible. He grew up in the Nicaraguan jungle (as one does), went to Yale, played in underground rock bands, toured an ensemble modestly called the Michael Gordon Philharmonic, and now writes pieces that proclaim their all-encompassing trendiness with titles such as Yo, Shakespeare. When he played the Oueen Elizabeth Hall last year his encore was a Kurt Cobain number. which was seen as something of a mission statement.

For John Adams such a programme is less a concert, more the Richard Morrison

meets the composer John Adams, who

brings a feast of American music to

Sunday's Prom

embodiment of a credo. Ever since this Harvard-educated musician decided, in 1971, to drive across America and settle in San Francisco - a symbolic rejection of the over-cerebral new-music establishment on the East Coast - he has revelled in the incongruous collisions, the crossovers, the carefree iconoclasm, that has always characterised the best American music. There is no dominant stream in American music." he says. "That's its strength, And American culture has always celebrated the vernacular. The most vital advances are propelled by popular culture."

He is right. At the turn of the century lves was already embracing marching bands, spirituals and street sounds in his music. Bernstein and Copland wrote their greatest scores under the influence of popular idioms. And present-day American composers writing in the anti-complexity style known as minimalism (which Adams declares to be "the only important musical development in the past 30 years") have consistently drawn inspiration from popular music.

"You can hear that in our Prom." Adams says. "Each of us is responding to the popular music of his era. Reich reflects jazz of the 1950s and 1960s. My piece responds to rock and salsa of the 1970s, and

Gordon's sounds are post-punk. It's impossible for an American composer not to be influenced by the vernacular. It's all around. Every time you sit in the traffic you hear

somebody's killer sound-system."
But Adams, just turned 50, has responded to far more than the sounds in the air. He came to attention ten years ago with his opera Nixon in China, which stunned the world twice over - first for taking modern politics as its subject; and secondly for portraying Nixon, Kissinger and Mao not as caricatures but as tragic figures, brooding over their failures in music of exquisite melancholy.

That monumental work inaugurated a new genre: docu-opera. Adams has so far contributed two more works to the species. The Death of Klinghoffer was a dark meditation on the Achille Lauro hijacking. Then came the pithilynamed I was looking at the ceiling and then I saw the sky, ostensibly about the Los Angeles earthquake, but really a wry look at the American Dream turning sour.

spilled into Adams's nonoperatic work, too. A violin and piano piece is called Road Movies: while his orchestral work, El Dorado, reflects a fashionable green concern about land despoilation.

Oddly, considering how much time Adams has devoted to opera, he professes ambivalence about the art form. "It's not the commanding idiom that it was a hundred years ago. Movies have taken over. Opera is a museum form now."

So why write operas? "Because it is still one of the few art forms that can exist on a mythic level and address the large issues of life." Is it distressing, though, when a work

El Dorado EARTHOUAKE

Nixon is ignored by virtually all European opera houses? That says more about the conservatism of the opera industry than it does about the quality of the work." Adams replies. "Writing opera is like buying very long-term bonds.

Outside the opera world, however, Adams is phenomenally popular. That won't surprise anybody who knows his Short Ride in a Fast Machine, a four-minute cracker that will surely be a sensation at the surd reduction of such music. which has bags of passion, drive and drama. It welcomes listeners to its world. Dancers, too, love Adarns. His Fearful Symmetries has been choreographed eight times. Even the sterner critics are

mellowing to Adams. "Yes, I don't

receive the trashings that I got ten years ago," says the composer. "I suppose that if you are around long enough, the critical establishment starts to put up with you."

• John Adams conducts at the Albert Hall (0171-589 8212) on Sunday at 7_30pm. The concert is live on Radio 3



Last call: Darcey Bussell and Igor Zelensky in Romeo and Juliet

Before the break

Politics in the auditorium was one thing, with gilt-edged representatives of both the last and the current Government all present and correct, but then there was the politics on stage: who was to be there and why? Those who believe that the Royal Ballet has always had the fuzzy end of the iollipop in the Royal Opera House should take heart from the fact that there was noticeably more dance at Monday's Farewell Gala than there was opera, and that the Royal Ballet opened and closed both halves, with that great symbol of continuity Bernard Haitink conducting the beginning and the end.

The chief architects of the Royal Ballet's repertory were properly represented, Ashton with La Valse -a fine showcase for the company - and the magical Dream duet. and MacMillan with corresponding showpieces from Romeo and Juliet and Manon: Darcey Bussell and the Kirov's Igor Zelensky as ethereal in the former as Sylvie Guillem and Jonathan

Cope were sensuous in the latter. Viviana Durante and Irek Mukhamedov nearly stopped the show with Diana and Actaeon. which I confess had hitherto escaped me, and with luck will continue to do so: it's delirious rubbish, irresistibly performed. In the popular Corsaire variation, Tetsuya Kumakawa proved to be one of those rare dancers who defies gravity at the height of his

jumps — breathtaking.
The sharp-eyed will already have noted a cunning mix of guests and home-based artists, which along with a similarly cunning mix of past, present and future was also evident in the operatic items. As a representation of what the resident companies have achieved in the last 50 years, this programme was in a different class from last year's Gold and Silver Gala. The Pub Scene from Peter Grimes brought Heather Harper and Elizabeth Bainbridge out of retirement, and saw the house debut of the Cardiff Singer of the World prizewinner Christopher Maltman, plus Anthony Rolfe Johnson singing Grimes with inimitable mellifluousness and Sir Colin Davis conducting.

A second former music director. Sir Georg Solni, was on hand for Verdi: Placido Domingo in Otello's Farewell Gala Covent Garden

Death Scene, and Bryn Terfel in lago's Credo. Both were in stentori-Sir Colin also conducted Felicity

Lott. Anne Howells and Thomas Allen in Cosi fan tutte, a nice teaser for his return to the company with this opera in the autumn, and Haitink returned for the most rapt item of the evening, the Fidelio quartet led by Josephine Barstow. and — less respectably — for a wallow in Strauss, a sweetmeat from Arabella with Anna Tomowa-Sintow and Franz Grundheber. and the Rosenkavalier Trio with what I can only think of as Les Girls: Lott. Ann Murray and Lillian Watson, sweetmeats indeed.

The final item assaulted the tear-glands mercilessly: the scenery flew out and Darcey Bussell as the Lilac Fairy put the rickety old theatre to sleep, with both companies on stage gazing in wonder and affection at the scene of so much achieved. But that sleep will last only two years, not a hundred. Enough nostalgia, charmingly provoked last night: everyone's sights must be firmly on 2000. For all their glitz, galas never quite find artists at their best and

perhaps the real farewell came at Saturday's Meistersinger. when even critics purged years of contempt by paying for their seats and along with a genuine Covent Garden audience were treated to a performance in a hundred, with Haitink up on cloud nine and everyone on stage, not least John

Tomlinson, giving that extra inch. At the mention of chorus and orchestra in Jeremy Isaacs's upbeat, perfectly judged curtain speech, the audience roared its approbation, and that's what it's all about: starting from scratch 50 years ago, Covent Garden has built up a world-class opera and dance machine, and nothing - temporary closure, passing management blips, even malign governments -

can change that. RODNEY MILNES This review appeared in late editions

A heavenly West Coast racket

ince he took over as music director of the San Francisco Symphony two years ago, Michael Tilson Thomas has established himself as the most venturesome even visionary programmer on the American orchestral scene. He concluded the current season with an ambitious two-week festival entitled Celebrations of the Sacred and Profane, comprising five programmes — he conducted flame is sparked by the friction hetween our earthiest desires and our most spiritual aspirations".

The opening night of the festival emphasised the heavenly, coupling the American premiere of Giacinto Scelsi's microtonal Aion and the Mozart Requiem. Aion is subtitled Four Episodes in One Day of Brahma, but the Indian subtext appears to be intellectual more than musical. Scored for a low-

the entertainment business for

close on 40 years and played

almost every role: actor. acrobat, musician, director, designer,

scriptwriter, impresario. He began

as a street clown, went on to play

jazz and chauffeured Charlie

In his early twenties he formed

his own company, which became the Grand Magic Circus et ses

Animaux Tristes. It roamed

Europe and came to London for a

few seasons at the Roundhouse in

Camden, putting on zany shows. There was a left-wing message,

spectacle, lots of pretty girls in

various stages of undress and plenty of songs from operetta and

the music hall. But it was not a

circus and appeared to have no

"Every circus needs animals and

they were there, we humans." Savary explains, "We are the saddest animals of all, however

much we try to hide our animality

The Beatles came to the Round-

house and John Lennon in particu-

lar picked Savary's brains, "He

was worried that the Beatles sound

was becoming too 'clean'. He

reckoned we were producing the

right 'dirty' sound and asked how

we did it. The answer was by

placing four grand pianos at

different points in the theatre, ditto

four of the oldest drums available.

Add in a damp atmosphere, which

the Roundhouse certainly provid-

ed, and you get a dirty sound. John

went away and thought about that.

Later he sent a cheque, which kept

The Magic Circus eventually ran

out of money in the mid 1970s. The

co-operative was disbanded, al-

though Savary jibs at the word.

"Co-operative? We were a bunch of

us on the road a bit longer."

behind tuxedos and black ties."

animals, a typical Savary joke.

Parker's widow.

pitched orchestra - four tubas (muted with rubbish-bin lids), low strings, and an array of percussion - the piece is densely textured. The Mozart proved to be a rather pallid, dispirited affair.

The week's high point was an all-Schubert symphonic programme - composed by many hands. It opened with the American premiere of Hans Werner Henze's exuberant fantasia on huntsmen's chorus Nachtgesang im Walde and the Unfinished Symphony. The songs were dispatched with suave Schubertian style by bass-baritone Nathan Berg. The evening's triumph was a superb performance of Luciano Berio's Rendering, based upon Schubert's sketches for

his tenth, unwritten symphony. The most uneven programme was the one given the most hype -

Celebrations of the Sacreti and Protage San Francisco

an afternoon devoted to new music entitled The Mavericks, in which former Grateful Dead bass player Phil Lesh joined Tilson Thomas as presenter. It was difficult to underto lend a note of hipness, yet he seemed as hip as a maths teacher. slouching and mumbling in rumpled chinos.

The two men continually told the audience that the music it was hearing was radical and revolutionary, but the proceedings were tame enough, apart from Lou Harrison's Concerto for Organ and Percussion, a jubilant racket scored for a battery of instruments

including oxygen tanks, car brake drums and oil drums, and four songs premiered by David Del Tredici called Gay Life, setting texts by Allen Ginsberg and Federico Garcia Lorca.

Baritone William Sharp sang competently, but was very much outshone by the composer, who accompanied him with dazzling virtuosity on the piano.

Otherwise, the legendary minipointlessly at the keyboard for nearly half an hour like a pianist at a cosmic cocktail lounge, and Steven Mackey played some gutsy Hendrix riffs on electric guitar. backed by a string quartet, drums, and a wailing lead singer.

The festival's other programme were devoted to Berg, Bach, Weill and Berlioz.

JAMIE JAMES

Soaring and swooping

Damnation of Faust could make up for what happened to it a few weeks ago at the London Coliseum, this was it. Back in the concert hall, where it exclusively voices and an orchestra grudging nothing in meeting its most extravagant requirements, it had every opportunity to rehabilitate itself as

John Higgins meets the man who will supply the sauce for Glyndebourne's Rossini

Outré for I lyndebourne could be set for some fun when Le J for some run when the day. It has been 40 years since the last production there of Rossini's the Count final comedy, his only one to a French text. In tune with On's Gallic spirit Glyndebourne has turned to one of France's leading entertainers, Jerome Savary, for the new staging. Savary, aged 55, has also been in



Jérôme Savary: from street clown to Glyndebourne director

theatrical mercenaries, led by a pirate chief - me." The chief still keeps in touch with his crew, whose members once included Luc Bondy. Micheline Presle and Delphine Seyrig.

After the Circus struck its tent for the last time Savary made his first forays into musical theatre via Offenbach, "I despised opera then as being a bourgeois entertainment and simply had memories of my mother playing The Magic Flute endlessly on the gramo-phone. But Frankfurt asked me to stage La Vie parisienne and I was then invited by Felsenstein to do Le Voyage dans la lune at the Komische Oper. He paid me almost nothing, but in 12 weeks rehearsal I learnt most of what

there was to be learnt about

directing operetta." This little-heard Offenbach occupies a special place in the Savary career. He devised a different staging for Geneva in 1987 and there is talk of yet another version

for the Bastille as part of the millennium celebrations. It was a rather different musical, Cabaret, which landed Savary the job of running the massive Theatre du Chaillot, where his contract has just been renewed until 2000. Mitterrand himself made the proposal after seeing the show. What caught the Presidential eye?

"Ah. well Cabaret is all about political compromise and he would have understood that," is Savary's characteristically provocative reply. Another reason could have been the presence of Ute Lemper in the lead role and the quality of

Savary's production. Chaillot appointment caused a bit of a stir, especially in right-wing circles. There were questions about putting a clown in charge of a state theatre. But it was gradually admitted that I am a deliberately popular director who sets out to fill seats. So the rightists now like me. There are good Savary shows and not so good

ones, but there are no boring ones." And so back to Rossini, who also knew a thing or two about catering for public taste. Savary has directed all his major comedies, though no serious operas. Ory, about the farcical efforts of a count to seduce a noblewoman while her husband is at the Crusades, looks readymade for him. Ezio Toffolutti, who works regularly at the Chaillot, is a highly decorative designer and is

keeping it in period.
"I like ladies and I like opera buffa. The best adjective to describe Ory is paillard [bawdy]. The original play was even more paillard, but Rossini's librettist, Scribe, cleaned it up a bit. Yes, it stays at the time of the Crusades. If I were 30 years younger I would probably have set it in a Hong Kong brothel. Now I leave that sort of thing to the new generation. But we will have a large bed rising from the stage in Act II when the Count tries to make love to his page believing he is the Countess Adele. In it there will be three disembodied singing heads. It'll remind me of the Three Boys trilling away on a cloud in The Magic Flute.

This will be the second time he has directed Ory. The previous occasion was in Lyons for John-Eliot Gardiner. "Lyons was a rush two-week job to fit in with a recording schedule. I remember John Eliot coming up to me after the first night and saying I hadn't put much work into the production but that it was great fun. This time round he'll probably say: 'Hm. Lots of work, but not much fun'." Savary, as usual, was just

kidding. ◆ Le Comte Ory opens at Glynde-bourne (01273 813813) on Sunday

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an incomparable masterpiece.

Even as an opera only "for the mind's eye" (as David Cairns describes it in his excellent programme note), The Damnation of Faust has its dramaturgical problems: Berliez's habit of adapting his text to provide a home for stray musical inspirations - although he is by no means as self-indulgent

about it in this case as he is in Lélio - is an obstacle to credibility. For all its quality in terms of technique. the first half of Sir Simon Rattle's interpretation with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra failed to register more than an acoustic effect, brilliantly achieved though it was.

From the beginning of Part III. where Marguerite appears, the atmosphere in Symphony Hall was quite different. Maria Ewing's soprano lies a little low for the part. which meant that she had difficulty in controlling the colouring of some of the notes above the stave. With her first entry, however, on a not very pretty but meaningful downward swoop, she gave notice that the role is real to her. By the time she came to her Romance she was

singing beautifully.

She was clearly an inspiration to Vinson Cole, who had so far shaped Faust's vocal line with exemplary clarity and elegance, and who now found passion there too. He went so far as to try a swoop himself. Willard White, as an heroic survivor from the ENO production, is as experienced a Mephistopheles as any, his occasionally dubious French somehow adding to the macabre effect.

The orchestral playing, too, was on a different level. The Minuet of the Will-o'-the-Wisp in Part III was no less finely executed than the charmingly coloured Dance of the Sylphs in Part II, but at the same time it had the essential cerie edge. As for the chorus - or choruses. including those in Birmingham for the Voices in the City festival there was no weakness even in the tricky episodes. In the last two movements, Pandemonium and Heaven, the combined efforts of the CBS Chorus and Youth Chorus, the

City of Birmingham Choir, the William Hall Master Chorale of Los Angeles and the Vancouver Bach Choir were devastating. If the barefoot children's choir added little to the vocal effect, it was surely a coup de théâtre Berlioz himsell would have enjoyed

GERALD LARNER



The good, the new and the spicy

David Sinclair on how he and the other Mercury Music Prize judges reduced 155 albums to a quirky

shortlist of ten

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resterday the 1997 Mercury Music Prize shortlist was announced, prompting the usual accusations that the judges had bowed to a combination of populist, elitist and tokenist pressures. Is the presence of the Spice Girls on the list purely due to musical merit? Is the aggressive orchestral dissonance of Mark-Anthony Turnage's album Your Rockaby, with its "panoply of percussion ranging from bodhrans to a saucepan", seriously going to appeal to anyone beyond a small clique of classical music cognoscenti? And who the hell is Roni Size!

As one of the judging panel which has spent the past seven weeks listening to and attempting to evaluate the 155 or so albums that were entered this time, I can only say we tried our hardest to arrive at a shortlist that offers a balanced picture of the best that British music has had to offer in the last year. And if the cutting edge dance music of Roni Size and his Bristof based collective Reprazent hasn't made much of an impact yet, you

Our choices undoubtedly con-firm certain prejudices. Five of the albums have topped the British chart. Four of the acts, including John Tavener and Prodigy, have appeared on previous shortlists, while two of them (Primal Scream and Suede) are past winners. A straw poll among our peers in the music industry conducted by the trade magazine Music Week successfully predicted six of the ten albums on the shortlist, and I have heard of people asking the bookies for odds on either Radiohead or Prodigy to win, even before the shortlist was announced.

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So what exactly is the Mercury Music Prize designed to do? While the organisers talk about pursuing a notion of musical quality irrespective of current commercial success" and "telling the story of the year in music", the editor of Music Week sees it as a means of boosting record sales. Thus, she argues, the most productive reason for having a Mercury Prize is surely to champion those records which not be arrived at by some sort of ty". Music can be both these things Prize will be announced at a televised



Excellence v popularity: are the Spice Girls on the Mercury shortlist through musical merit, or do sales play a part? And who the hell is Roni Size/Reprazent?

The trouble with that is that if you were to rule out records which "don't need" the kudos of a Mercury endorsement, or the £25,000 cheque which goes to the winner, the prize would rapidly lose its authority and become another of those forums where a small group of specialists seek to foist their passion for the new and the quirky on to an increasingly sceptical and ununterested public.

On the other hand, the list should

this year the inclusion of two classical albums, the absence of a jazz album and the unusually high percentage of dance records all tell

The Mercury Prize is a celebration as much as a calibration of British music in all its diversity. and part of the joy of music is that it cannot be contained by notions either of "excellence" or "populari-

to each of us in a personal voice. It is not like an athletics event or a football match, where great artistry may be the result of striving to reach an objectively defined goal.

In strictly functional terms, therefore, the Mercury Music Prize may be little more than a marketing tool. But as an ideal it exists to recognise a pinnacle of achievement that defies logical understanding.

might otherwise be overlooked". sales or quota-based system, and or neither, yet ultimately it speaks presentation dinner on August 28

THE TEN SHORTLISTED ALBUMS Dig Your Own Hole The Chemical Brothers Trailer Park.....Beth Orton Vanishing PointPrimal Scream

The Fat Of The LandProdigy OK Computer......Radiohead SpiceThe Spice Girls Coming Up..... Suede Your Rockaby ...

She who won't surrender

ot many black American soul singers relocate to Britain to further their careers, but then Jhelisa Anderson has never done anything the conventional way. She comes from one of America's foremost musical families (relatives include Bobby Byrd and Vicki Anderson, and the singers Pamela and Carleen Anderson), but she chose instead to take her chances in London and after singing on a couple of the Shamen's hits, signed to a small independent label. Two albums later the move is

beginning to pay dividends. Her maverick approach was evident from the way she kept a packed Jazz Cafe waiting until almost 10.30pm before taking the

Jhelisa Jazz Café, NW1

stage, right through to the string quartet she brought on almost two hours later. In between, she showed that despite her often iconoclastic approach, she has not abandoned soul music's traditional virtues. Together with performers such as D'Angelo, Maxwell, and Erykah Badu, she has come to typify what is now known as nu classic soul — contemporary beats which wear with pride their musical heritage stretching back to 1970s funk and beyond.

She has a voice of vast power and range which she uses with controlled abandon, oscillating between the out-and-out funk of Everybody Jump Off, her new single, and an unhurried, afterhours strut, heard to best effect on Language Electric, the title track of her second album.

The musical sophistication is counterpointed by an emotional rawness in lyrics such as Freedom From Pity, which deals unsentimentally with being trapped in an abusive relationship, and Sell Me Away, an angry diatribe about an arranged marriage.

Yet Jhelisa is not just a songwriter. Having opened with her own instrumental composition. Story Of A Musician's Madness. showed her versatility by closing with Bete Noir, her own stark arrangement for string quartet. There is in everything she does a defiant strength that makes the inyour-face posturings of the rock babes look mere petulance. "No compromise, no surrender," she sang repeatedly at the end of My Ego Needs Me Tonight. It ought to be her signature.

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

From mud to makeovers

You can take T in The Park out of Glasgow, but you can't take Glas-gow out of T in the Park, as the first sighting of a discarded Buckfast bottle a good few miles from the bigger, better and decidedly bumpier newhome for Scotland's premier open-air music festival attests. Yet the collapse of Scotland's main ticket agency, leaving the promoters to pick up the considerable tab, combined with a typically capricious Scottish summer and an increasingly congested festival circuit, could have made for

the dampest of squibs. As it was, the sun shone for a while anyway — on a predictable array of acts on the main stage, though the real gerns were to be found under canvas. The Slam Muzik Stage and Radio One Evening Session Stage offered a stream of low and hi-fi delights, with Mogwai, Death In Vegas. Daft Punk and Monaco hope-fully knocking a final and welcome nail in the guitar-

shaped coffin of Britpop. It was pretty much a celebrity-free zone this year. The whisper was that the ubiquitous Noel Gallagher was set to jam with big mates Paul Weller and Ocean Colour Scene, prompting muted ho-hums all round. The biggest surprise was that, unless he kept an uncharacteristically low profile, he didn't turn up, although his brother did. No, not that one, the one who isn't

It wouldn't be a show without Punch, though, and sure enough, there was Chris Evans, surrounded by photographers, though a

far better pic-ture would have been if he had ended up in the On the main

stage, the Charlatans played a blinder. though a potentially more interesting proposition were the once dreadful G.U.N., and the once very good Texas, both of whom have benefited from makeovers of late. Texas's smoothed-out soul is a far sexier proposition, simply because Sharleen Spiteri possesses the voice of an angel, and they didn't need INXS's Andrew Farriss to knock them

into shape. One can only speculate why Farriss wished to produce G.U.N.'s new album, though it has produced a couple of catchy pop singles in My Sweet Jane and Crazy You. All well and good, except that live they sound like the clumpy. sub-metal tosh they always have - apart from Word Up. of course, their finest five minutes. With a stage patter straight off the Glasgow cabaret circuit, front man Mark

Rankin plays the cheap shot Scottish card, though where G.U.N.'s old-fashioned, thump-along cod rock comes from, it sure Balado, by ain't home.

Texas, on the other hand, are having none of it. Having been

left out in the wilderness after at least one great album, they blew back into town earlier this year with a great single titled Say What You Want and a suspicious amount of gloss covering up the grit of yore. Yet the bulk of the new material is still as sassy, just more grown-up, while old songs such as I Don't Want A Lover are dragged into less Luddite times.

And so to Paul Weller, who knows more about reinvention than most. Changing man or mutton dressed as lamb, though, he has gone as far as he can with his current set of

needs to think again beyond his brand of guitar histrionics. Weller can huff and puff as much as he likes, but, rather than hot licks and heavy soul, it only sounds like not air and heavy weather. For every brilliant song such as The Weaver, there are half a dozen slices of faceless pub rock stodge. A new song, Friday Street, raises expectations, but soon slips anonymously into the mud brought on by Sun-

hand-me-down threads, and

day's heavy showers. You could easily slither off to catch 15 minutes of the far more engaging Beth Orton, have a go on the funfair and grab an overpriced burger before paddling back to endure some more of what sounded suspiciously like the same guitar solo. For on this showing at least. Weller's song remains much the same. And this is no idle Led Zeppelin analogy, for the way he's been plundering the decades of late, it shouldn't be too long before he is ripping off some of his

old Jam songs. Whether they would be authentic or not, we will have to wait until next year, or at least until tomorrow.

NEIL COOPER

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

Rising stars in the arts firmament

BRIAN MILLIGAN

Age: 15. In demand: With performances on stage, television and in the forthcoming Daniel Day-Lewis film, The Boxer, to his credit over the past year, he is on the way to becoming Northern Ireland's most famous child actor.

National debut: Last week. he and a dozen fellow pupils from Lagan College, near Belfast, were at the Corresion Theatre performing Gina Moxley's Dog House, part of the BT National Connections project "I played Jimmy, who's pretty thick, but still figures out that two of the local kids are being violently.

abused by their father." Does he take his acting seriously? Very. For Dog House he read arricles on

child abuse and studied a television documentary about teenage joyriders in Belfast, adopting the mannerisms of one for Jimmy.

Mentor: Dog House director Io McColgan, Lagan's "brilliant" drama teacher. "He introduced me to acting and it just grabbed me. He showed me how you can really let yourself go on

How did he break into television? McColgan suggested he audition for the gritty drama series. Safe and and he duly landed the part of a young snooker ace whose father has been killed in the Troubles.

Instant fame "After Safe and Sound was shown last September, people were stop-



ping me in the street and asking Was that you on the telly the other night?" It was

What about the Day-Lewis film? The very tight lid being kept on pre-release publicity for The Boxer, in which Day-Lewis plays a Belfast fighter

rebuilding his life after 13 years in prison, means Brian is "not allowed" to talk about his part. But he can reveal that the location filming in Dublin in April gave him "a great buzz, a feeling you just can't put into words". Sibling rivalry: He faces

competition from his elder brother, Ciaran, who has appeared in the children's TV show *Wise Up*, and also leatured in Dog House.

Any idols? Day-Lewis and Robert De Niro. "I like their style, the way they get all the way inside a character, no matter who they are playing." Wise head on young shoul-

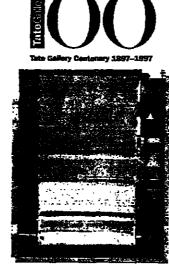
ders: "I'd like to be an actor. but it would be very tough. You could appear in four films in a row and then suddenly be totally out of a job. If things didn't work out I'd love to teach drama."

> DANIEL ROSENTHAL

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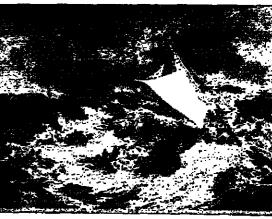
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A daily guide to arts compiled by Marit Hargle

rahms can be heard in the evening as me Bournemourn Symphony
Orchestra under Paul Daniel performs the composer's Symphony No 3, as well as works by Mozart and Schwertsik. (Town Hall, 7:30pm). Later, at the same venue (9:45pm) the **Kokoro Ensemble** performs Schoenberg's seminal mestarbace. Pierrot Lunaire ral Box Office: (01242 227979) CHICHESTER Following her successful return to the stage in Old



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Surrealistic pillows

n 1980 Laurie Anderson's suave, electronically treated voice sliced into the British pop charts like an utterance from another planet with O Superman. At around the same time she brought her multimedia show United States to London, How cool she seemed as she conjured up projections, electronic instruments and sampled voices, how permeated with the modernity of Manhattan loft life.

Anderson programmed this year's Meltdown festival on London's South Bank, corralling a group of friends including Lou Reed, Spalding Gray and Gidon Kremer and, in a final gala, Robert Wilson, Bill T. Jones and Salman Rushdie. What was striking about the performance work, however, was not its newness and sense of chic, but something more peculiarly comforting. Here was performance art with a fireside feel.

Anderson herself epitomised this curious circumstance in her solo show. The Speed of Darkness. The format was familiar and, in its way. intimate, with Anderson standing at her synthesizer and sound desk, bending like a lover towards the two microphones in front of her. Yes. she played her electronic violin, which filled the Festival Hall with the sonorities of a massive orchestra. Yes, her customary sound loops ran more or less throughout, but they underpinned an activity honoured from time immemorial: the lone speaker recounting stories to an audience. In a single stream of monologue she combined Star Trek, Moby Dick, King Lear, the Halle Bopp Comet, the siege at Waco and the Unibomber. You emerge from one of her shows feeling that an eyecatching tapestry, full of recognisable bits and pieces,

has been laid out before you. Further odd observations were provided by poet and raconteur Ken Nordine. His trademark is a deep, darktreacle voice, which he applies to word-plays around abstracts such as colour, time and dependence. He enjoys making nouns out of adjectives such as "gentle", "total" and "stupid" ("Once I went to Stupid, stayed a dozen days").

absurd in this hollow society.

challenge by developing What Ever, a performance soap opera. The material is a bit patchy, the result, perhaps, of Woodbury writing and performing a new show every week for nine months. Even

Wilde but melodrama and comedy in Lady
Windermere's Fan is not seen The Windermere's Fan is not easy. The play flip-flops between effervescent banter unbalanced and wordy gravity; it is difficult to decide if comedy should offer a frame to seriousness, or whether Wilde's tale of social self-sacrifice can be anything but Lady Windermere's Fan

kind of thing done in cellar

bars in the 1960s but, delivered

as it is by an avuncular figure

with an old-as-the-hills easi-

ness, it seems strangely

sensible.

The Gate's latest production uses up Gate, Dublin precious energy trying to discover whether darkness or light is the key ingredient. blank window, while Lord Darlington's In the end, however, it does not come up with a convincing answer, taking refuge bachelor rooms are sulphurously lit. instead in the opulent art direction of Alan Jacqueline Kobler's costumes for the Stanford's high cholesterol production. women are equally appealing, taking a Thirties theme and twirling from prim party frocks to vampish skins for the

A deep red curtain, accentuated by red lighting, falls between acts, and the audience is left mulling the intrigues. When the curtain rises, it is to reveal spacious and gently unexplicit sets by Bruno Schwengl. A sitting room in a symphony of

riking a useful balance between

Chardonnays is dominated by a huge

resented by Heather Woodbury, who rose to a friend's teric Theatre. Performers decked out in 1920s garb, with smudged lipstick, stumbled and slunk on to the stage for

appeared squarely left-field The newer generation of was Permanent Brain Damage, presented by Richard American performers was rep-Foreman's Ontological Hystheir various encounters. which included the slow stuffing of eggs into a toy duck and

Permanent Brain Damage, from Richard Foreman's Ontological Hysteric Theatre

made from the oldest resource:

the ability to sketch characters

mance in the festival which

The one piece of perfor-

and spin storylines.

You might imagine this as the so, this is again new work slap it on another character's bald head.

Stuff and nonsense, of course. Foreman set up the company in 1968, and its splintered, non-logical style established it as something of a fixture on the New York performance scene. Foreman himself delivers the voiceover in Permanent Brain Damage. "Anything automatic somehow puts one in touch with the truth behind it all," he says. At which point even this show seemed securely harboured in the traditions of inoffensive surrealism.

social ostracism. As her husband, the stiff, pompous Lord Windermere, Michael ames Ford has trouble achieving a state of apoplexy while keeping the beat.

Fouere is poised and tough as Mrs Erlynne, but could do with making a firm decision about her accent. Bounced off the foils of Tom Hickey's dilapidated and irredeemably dim Lord Augustus, and Robert O'Mahoney's inflexible, uncomfortable Lord Darlington, her performance gets little help.

Pat Kinevane interprets Cecil Graham as a Wilde clone, complete with green carnation and bitchiness. Kinevane knows how to cover a stage, moving with tango-like precision and grinning with seductive wickedness. His work is made superfluous by the production, which harnmers home any possible reference to homosexuality as though it were directed by Sir Edward Carson himself.

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Why do choreographers bother with a plot that swerves improbably and trips over its own characters? Because it possesses Délibes's other ballet score after Coppélia, refined and rich music which prompted Tchaikovsky to say

PARIS DANCE

that had he known it at the time he would not have writ-

ten Swan Lake. Neumeier's beginning is gripping. Diana and her nymphs practising their archery from the startled auditorium and cutting a dramatic dash in their aviatrix leather caps and bodices. After that, though, the action rapidly slides downhill. Designer Yannis Kokkos's leaf-green walls and blue cut-out trees present a handsome, modern metaphor for Arcadia; and for the winter scene it is a neat touch simply to turn the walls and trees to display their white reverse sides. But Neumeier's attempts to produce an equivalent oblique poetry in dance

do not succeed. Wisely he has decided to streamline the plot, except that he makes it so elliptical as to be perplexing. Elisabeth Platel as Diana and Nicolas Le Riche as the catalyst figure of Eros are high-powered, alluring dancers in choreography whose logic often mystifies. Manuel Legris and Monique Loudières are equally squandered in the roles of Aminta and Sylvia. No rhyme or reason seems to exist in the flex-footed motifs of Aminta's solos or some of the images of his closing pas de deux with Sylvia, so that it all descends

At the Chatelet Theatre, the Frankfurt Ballet's Sleepers Guts, created last year, was no 🏽 💣 less disappointing. William Forsythe, the company's choreographer, has made his name by brilliantly deconstructing classical dance and reassembling it into a fresh, exciting language. But in Sleepers Guts, which lists seven of the company's dancers as his co-choreographers, the dance seems just pulled apart into chaos, releatlessly struggling, like Neumeier, to be different without putting a complete, autonomous alternative in its place.

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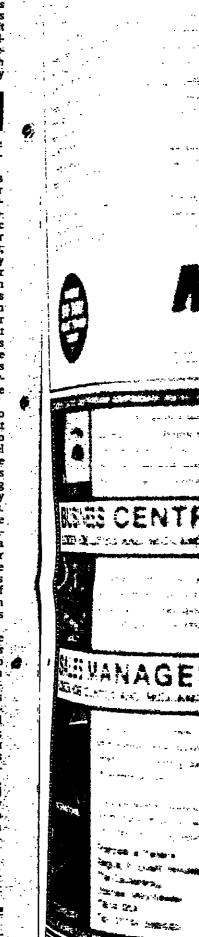
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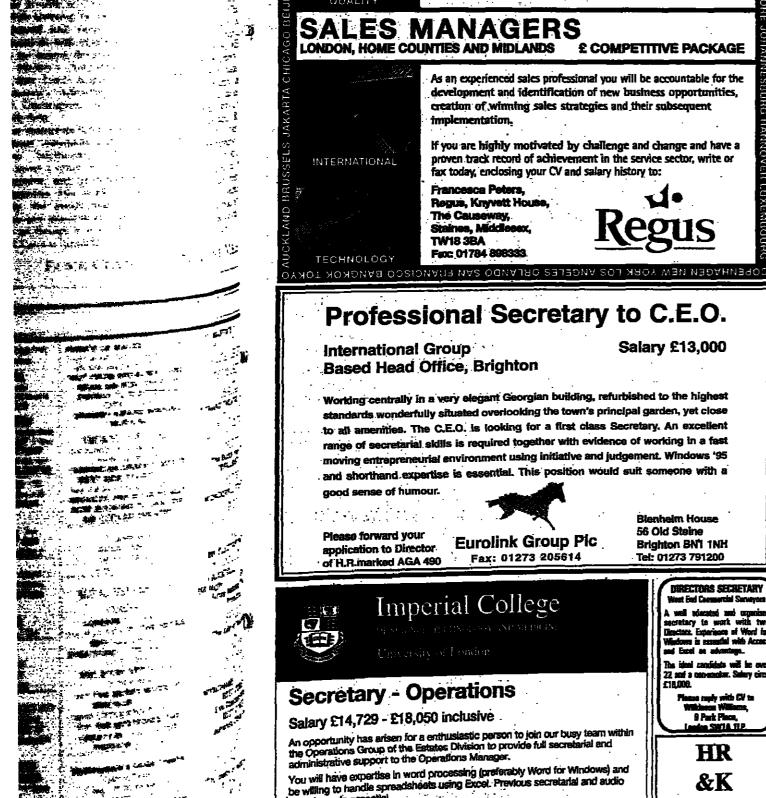
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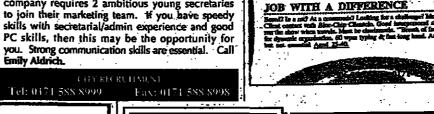
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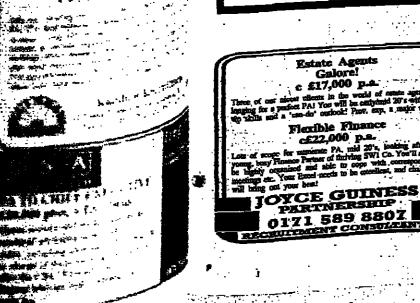
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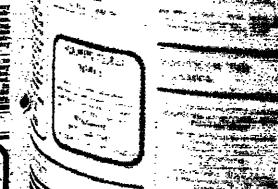
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Transfer while abroad not taxable

sioners v Willoughby Before Lord Nolan, Lord Mustill, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Clyde and

Speeches July Int Section 739 of the Income and Corporation Taxes 1988, which sought to prevent the avoidance of liability to income tax by the transfer of assets abroad, did not apply where a taxpayer was not linarily resident in the United Kingdom at the time he made the relevant transfe

The House of Lords so held in dismissing appeals by the Inland Revenue Commissioners from the order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Hobbouse and Lord Justice Morritt) (The Times January 4, 1995; [1995] STC 143) upholding a special commissioner's decision to discharge assessments to income tax for the taxpayers, Mr Peter Willoughby and Mrs Ruth Willoughby in respect of three Royal Life Insurance International Ltd offshore personal portfolio bonds. Their Lordships held, further,

for tax avoidance. Mr Launcelot Henderson, QC and Mr Rabinder Singh for the Revenue; Mr David Goy, QC and Mr Philip Baker for the taxpayers.

that such bonds were not vehicles

LORD NOLAN said that there was no dispute that the payments of premiums on the taking out of the bonds were transfers of assets to Royal Life for the purposes of section 739, nor was there any dispute about the amount of income arising from the investcomprised in the bonds which was the subject of the various assess-

The premium on the first bond was, however, paid when both taxpayers were still resident out-side the United Kingdom. They had contended that for that

reason alone no liability to tax could arise upon the income of the

Where a bankruptcy petition had

been presented and the debtor had

indicated that he could repay his

debts by instalments, but there

was no reasonable prospect that he

would make full repayment within

a reasonable time, it was not open

to the court to grant repeated

adjournments of the bankruptcy

Mr Justice Lloyd so held in the Chancery Division on June 13.

allowing an appeal by Vincent

Sydney Judd, a petitioning creditor, against the decision of District

Judge Hollis in Hastings County

restriction of liability to individ-uals who were ordinarily resident here at the time of transfer was unwarranted by the statutory language and would give rise to

It would not be sensible, he argued, to distinguish between the cases of an individual intending to take up residence in the United Kingdom, who made a transfer of assets with a view to the future avoidance of United Kingdom tax and who settled here a few days after the transfer, and another individual acting with precise the same intention who settled here a few days before making an

The sensible time at which to consider the question of residence. which the income from the trans ferred assets arose, and the avoidvertion, take place.

His Lordship said that the 739(1) which stated that the section was to "have effect for the purpose of preventing the avoiding by individuals ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom of liability to income tax by means of transfer of assets" counsed with the identifica tion, in section 739(2), of "such an individual" as the subject of

What could the words "such an individual" refer to save for an individual of the kind described in subsection (I), that was an individual ordinarily resident in the United Kinsdom seeking to avoid liability by means of transfers of

The view taken in Vestev v [1980] AC 1143) that the individual to be charged under section 739 had to be the individual who made the transfer led inevitably to the conclusion that the individual concerned had to be the only type of transferor with which the sec was concerned, and that was a ordinarily resident in

ing of Mr Judd's bankruptcy

petition against John Anthony

HIS LOROSHIP referred to In

re a Debtor (No 72 of 1982), Ex

parte Mumford Leasing Ltd v The

granting repeated adjournments,

which had profoundly unsatisfac-

tory consequences, namely to im-

pose upon the creditor an ad hoc

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He said that the practice of

vever understandable, was one

Debtor ([1984] | WLR 1143).

His Lordship accepted that in consequence, the immigrant tax avoider who made his dispositions before taking up residence in this country would escape liability under the section. But it would be fruitless to speculate whether that consequence was foreseen and accepted, or arose through

His Lordship would not, in any event, regard it as sufficiently astonishing in itself to east doubt on the natural meaning of the words used.

In the case of the other two honds, which were taken out after the taxpoyers had become ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, section 739 was plainly section 741 of the 1988 Act where the taxpayer had shown that tax avoidance was not one of the purposes of the transaction].

The principal feature distinguishing a personal portiolio bond from other bonds issued by Royal Life was that the purcha of the personal portfolio bond retained the ability to choose, switch and manage the invest-ments comprised in the fund to which the bond was linked. Personal portfolio bonds

amounted to some 2 per cent of the total of bonds issued by Royal Life. to what was described as a fixed Royal Life. It was only the personal carded by the Revenue as falling foul of section 739. The remainder, it was accepted, were exempt by

Mr Henderson had submitted that the underlying reality of the matter was that the holder of the Royal Life personal portfolio bond continued to manage and benefit from his own portfolio of invest-ments, but by the insertion of the band structure he escaped tax on the income and gains from those investments as they arose.

Parliament could not sensibly have intended the statutory rax-ation regime for offshore life

Repeated adjournments not apt Court adjourning the further hearsively with the debts, would not

> If the debtor were then adjudged bankrupt, and it was found that the creditor had been overpaid relative to other creditors, he might have to return to the estate the repayments received for distribution pari passu.

pari passu and would expose him

to the risk that other petitions

Had the district judge appre-ciated those matters, he could not have made the order he did. Accordingly, the appeal would be allowed and a bankruptcy order

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stances, so the purpose of an investor in such bonds could not be characterised as mere tax mitiga-

There was a basic fallacy in that argument. It lay in the proposition that the underlying reality was that the holder of the bond continued to manage and benefit from his own portfolio of investments.

As Lord Hoffmann had pointed out in the course of argument, so far from the underlying invest-ments being owned by the bond holder, he had no legal or equitable interest in them whatever. The allocation of investment

units to the bond for which the policy provided was purely no-tional. Units were referred to solely for the purpose of computing benefits under the policy. The reality was that the bond holder had a contractual right to the benefits promised by the policy, no more and no less.

It was therefore quite wrong to describe the bond holder as having, in the words of the commissioners' printed case "in substance all the advantages of direct per-sonal ownership without the tax of that misdescription would be come all too apparent if, perish the thought, Royal Life were to become insolvent and unable to meet its obligations to the bond holders.

That fallacy went to the heart of the Revenue's case. For the attack which they had launched against Royal Life bond holders was limited to those who held persona portfolio bonds, that was to say nds under which the bond holder had effective control of the investment policy, the Revenue accepting that the remaining shore bonds issued by Royal Life did not involve the avoidance of

The personal portfolio bond holder might fare better or worse in terms of benefits by reason of his control over investment policy than did his fellow bond holder with the standard type of bond, but the difference between them had nothing to do with tax or with tax avoidance. There was no reason why Parliament should have inended to distinguish between them in fiscal terms.

in agreement with the Court of Appeal, his Lordship would affirm the decision of the special commis-sioner upholding the taxpayers' claim for exemption under section 741(a). It was unnecessary to decide whether he had been equally entitled to hold that they had protection conferred by section

Lord Mustill, Lord Hoffmann, Lord Clyde and Lord Hutton Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Speechly Bircham.

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Negotiation costs not deductible

Administrators of the estate of Caton, deceased

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Morritt and Lord Justice Schiemann Judgment June 19]

Professional costs incurred by administrators in negotiating a share valuation with the Inland Revenue and pursuing an appeal against a subsequent assessment to capital gains tax were not cost incurred in ascertaining the market value of the shares so as to be the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979. now contained in section 38 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by the taxpayers, the strators of the estate of Mr Philip S. Caton. deceased, from the decision of Mr Justice Rimer (The Times December 28, 1995; [1996] STC 201) that had reversed decision of a special commissioner by holding that the costs of pursuing an appeal against an assessment to capital gains tax following a disposal of shares in 1988 were not deductible.

Mr William Massey, QC, for the taxpayers; Mr Launceloi Hender-son, QC, for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT

said that at his death in September 1987 Mr Caton had owned shares in Yorkshire Switchgear Group Ltd. In April 1988 the shares were sold by the taxpayers for £3.27

The Revenue had assessed the taxpayers to capital gains tax of £494,430 on the footing that the shares had a value of 35p on the date of Mr Caton's death. The taxpayers had contended for a value at that date of 50p or 80p.

After lengthy negotiations an appeal was heard, the special commissioner determining a market value of 56p and allowing the professional costs incurred by the axpavers up to and including the hearing of the appeal as an Mr Justice Rimer determined

that such costs were not costs and expenses deductible for the purposes of section 32(2)(b). The issue was one of the proper

the context of the 1979 Act as a whole. The section prescribed that which could be deducted in computing the chargeable gain. The material words were those permitting deduction of "costs reasonably incurred in making any valuation ... for the purposes of the computation" and "expenses reasonably incurred in ascertain-

In the light of the taxpayers'

and exclusively" appearing in sec-tion 32(2) in relation to expenditure incurred for the purposes of the acquisition were not to be read as overning the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of

The contrast between the costs of producing accounts from which to compute profits and the conduct of a tax controversy with the Crown was first drawn by Lord Greene, Master of the Rolls, in Rushden Heel Co Ltd v Keene (1948 2 All ER 3781 and adopted by the majority in the House of Lords in Smith's Polato Estates Lid v Bolland ([1948] AC 508). The draftsman of the relevant provisions in the Finance Act 1965 must have been aware that that was where the line had to be

It was common ground that the draftsman intended to provide for a right in the field of capital gains tax broadly equivalent to the concession in the field of income further than that and permit deduction of all costs incurred by a taxpayer in and prior to the final determination of the market value of the asset. Such a right would be unique in the field of revenue law.

Moreover, the wording of section 32(2) reflected that intention. Reference in section 32(2)(b) to a to the final and indisputable valuation or ascertainment which might only emerge after extensive

To construe the paragraph as the taxpayers suggested would be a positive determent to reaching a sensible agreement with the Revenue as to quantum of liability. It would give rise to the absurd position that on an appeal against an assessment which had failed. the assessment would nevertheless require reduction to take account of such costs of the unsuccessful appeal as had been reasonably

incurred. The costs and expenses which a taxpayer could deduct pursuant to section 32(2)(b) in respect of any particular disposal were limited to those which he incurred in complysection 12 of the Taxes Manage ment Act 1970 and did not extend to costs incurred in negotiating over or contesting his liability to capital gains tax arising out of that

The effect of, but not the reasons for that conclusion was to preclude the deduction of costs by a taxtroversy with the Inland Revenue. Lord Justice Smart-Smith and Lord Justice Schiemann agreed. Solicitors: Brooke North &

Duty to tell foster parents about child

Council and Another

Before Mr Justice Hooper Dudement July 71

A social worker placing a child with foster parents had a duty of care to provide to the loster parents, before and during the placement, such information about the child as a reasonable social worker would provide in all the circumstances.

A written agreement made beeen a local authority and foster parents did constitute a contract and it was not contrary to public policy to give it binding effect.

Mr Justice Hooner so held in the striking out claims for misfeasance in public office and breach of tract, and declining to strike out claims for negligence and negligent misstatement, made by the plaintiffs, Mr and Mrs W and their four children, against Essex County Council and Anthony

Mr Allan Levy, QC and Mr Arnold Cooper for the plaintiffs; Mr Edward Faulks, QC and Mr Andrew Warnock for the council; Mr Jeremy Simison for the second defendant

MR JUSTICE HOOPER said

that Mr and Mrs W became full ing the public policy consid-time adolescent foster parents for erations set out in Xv Bedfordshire the council in 1991. Before accenting their first placement they sought and were given assurances by the council that they would not have placed with them any child who was a known or suspected sexual abuser. In 1992 they signed a specialist foster carer agreement

For about one month in 1993 they fostered a boy aged 15 named G who allegedly abused each of their children during his stay. The plaintiffs claimed that the council and the second defendant, their social worker, knew that G was an active sexual abuser and that the

about that. The defendants had argued that was not just and reasonable to impose a common law duty of care

His Lordship considered the judgment of Lord Browne-Wilson in X (Minors) v Bedfordshire County Council (1995) 2 AC 633) as well as Stovin v Wise (1996) AC 923). H v Norfolk County Council (1997) 1 FLR 384) and Barrett v Enfield London Borough Council (The Times April 22, 1997) and went on to analyse the relationship between a local authority and a foster parent, apply(at pp749 to 751).

Although decisions concerning foster placements could be very delicate, his Lordship could not see, in fairness to the loster parents who played an important role in looking after children, that they should be denied information with provided. The imposition of a duty against public policy.

A social worker placing a child with foster parents had a duty of care to provide to the foster placement, such information about the child as a reasonable social worker would provide in all the circumstances, and a local authority was vicariously liable for the conduct of its social worker in

that respect. Accordingly, his Lordship de-clined to strike out the portions of on that duty, as well as the claim

for negligent misstatement.
The plaintiffs also claimed that
the defendants' actions breached an implied term in the specialist foster carer agreement which was a contract.

The agreement was required

under Schedule 2 to the Foster

Placement (Children) Regulations (SI 1991 No 910).

It had all the usual features of a contract, being an agreement be tween the two parties, and including provision for payment of allowances and expenses.

The defendants submitted that the relationship between a local authority and loster parents was statutory and not contractual and that it would be contrary to public policy to give the agreement bind-

His Lordship rejected that argument, stating that the statutory position was not inconsistent with the agreement. The agreement did tute a contract, although it did not contain the implied term contended for by the plaintiffs.

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Correction

In Fletcher Estates (Harlescott) Ltd v Secretary of State for the Environment (The Times July 1)) Mr Robin Purchas, QC and Mr Timothy Comyn appeared for the applicants; Mr Jeremy Sullivan and Mr Rabinder Singh for the first respondent.

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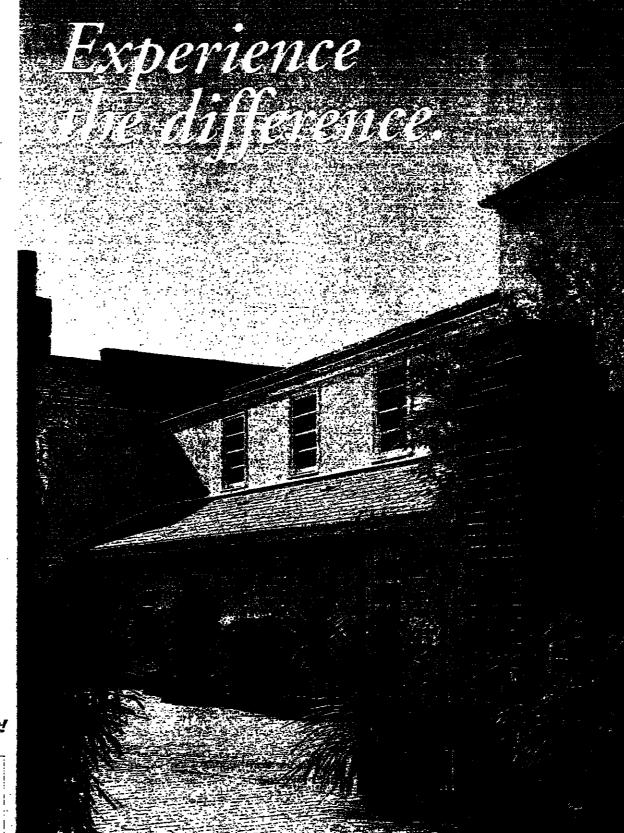
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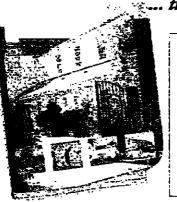


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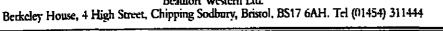
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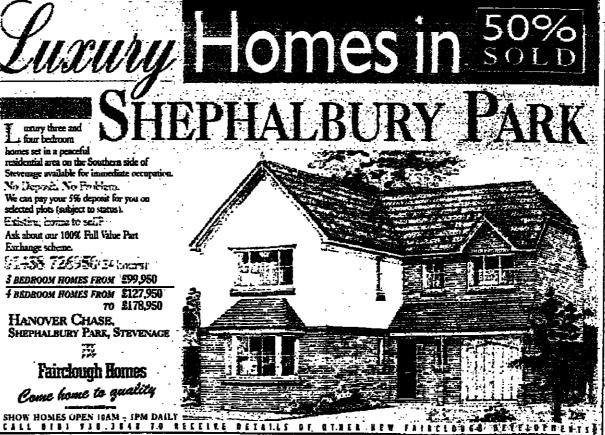
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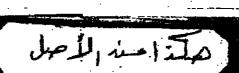




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Buying before the builders arrive

With prime new properties in short supply, purchasing off-plan is growing in popularity. Amanda Loose looks at its benefits and dangers

t used to be a truth, universally acknowledged by property pundits, that the British would not buy "off-plan". But as the supply of prime proper-ties has dwindled, buyers are now prepared to sign on the dotted line after seeing little more than an architect's draw ing or a pile of bricks and

Linda Beaney, of Beaney Pearce, reckons British buyers now make up more than 50 per cent of off-plan buyers in some Landon developments, previously the preserve of Demand is across the

board; from a modest £60,000 to almost £2 million, according to Paul Vallone of Berkeley Homes, who sold a six-bedroom house off-plan last year at the Barnes Waterside development, southwest London. for £1.9 million, Berkeley starts to market developments as soon as they have planning permission, to catch off-plan

Ms Beaney says: "We have seen a change in mood and priorities. New developments are fast becoming more popular, not least because of the shortage of prime properties on the market. If you buy in or before a rising market, then you can watch the investment. grow during construction.

Jonathan Holman, of developers Regalian, agrees: "The shortage of prime new properfuelling demand and buying set price in a rising market. Securing somewhere in adam plans. vance means that buyers have time to sell their property - and to know what they are

Soar The bespoke service offered by many developers, which means buyers can have some. say in the internal layout or design of their property, is an added attraction, according to **SWOOD** Mr Vallone. If involved in the early stages of a development, buyers can influence such

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Mr Holman reckons British buyers began to buy off-plan in earnest in spring 1996, and now make up the largest proportion of such purchasers. Regalian have just sold 92 of 93 units off-plan at Atlantic Wharf, in London's Docklands, to UK buyers. Half of these apartments will not be leted until August 1998.

So how do you go about it? Check that the prices quoted are fixed, says Jonathan Seal of Hamptons International. Pick your developer with

'Securing somewhere in advance means that buyers have time to sell their property'

care, and beware of schemes which do not carry NHBC warranties or its equivalent, says Ms Beaney. Use a solicitor who has experience of off-

Nigel Steele of Strutt & ties in sought-after locations is Parker advises buyers to see the site or property being off-plan allows people to fix a converted, and make sure that you understand the architect's

". He says: "A French couple were determined to buy a unit off plan at the Royal Naval Hospital in Great Yarmouth. Norfolk, unseen. They instructed their solicitor and paid the deposit. Three weeks later, they viewed the property, and decided to pull out. Buyers should visit the site

and see previous developments by the builder. Ask plenty of questions to make

kitchens, tiles, wall colours you are getting. The biggest and best unit is sometimes the show house, and buyers sometimes don't realise that they are getting a smaller version. Get independent advice so that you understand the plans."

'Also check the floor area quoted and find out if it includes a balcony or terrace. says Ms Beaney, If it does, then make sure the actual living space is large enough. When it comes to payment, developers often ask for a

reservation deposit, perhaps £500. says Mr Taylor. Your solicitor will then be sent contracts, which are ex-changed after 21 and 28 days, when you will be expected to pay about 10 per cent of the total cost. The remainder is

payable on completion.

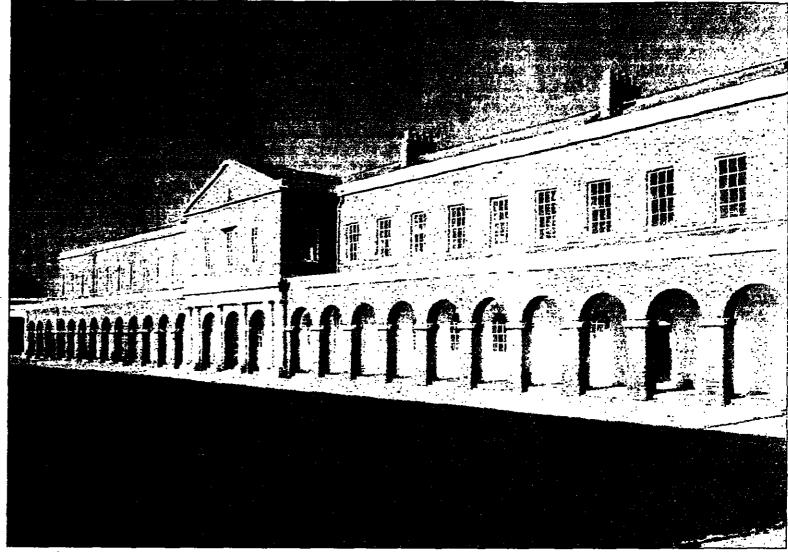
Stage payments are a second method of payment. Buyers pay a deposit and then a amount every few months as the development progresses, perhaps 5 per cent. This method is used less often, usually for overseas sales, according to Stephen Briege) of Allen Briegel in Putney.

od by which you can be certain-the appropriate stage has been reached. Otherwise you may find you pay an unreasonable amount, only to find the scheme behind schedule. Buyers should also ensure schemes are underwritten by the NHBC or Zurich Municipai. Be aware of your rights of rescindment of contract in the event of delay in construction."

into the contract, down to the make of fridges and door handles, advises Mr Taylor. Ensure you are not required to complete the purchase before all necessary amenities such as porterage are available. Above all, keep in touch with your developer and view

Get the minutiae written

the property a month before completion, says Mr Taylor.



A couple who bought a unit at the Royal Naval Hospital in Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, pulled out three weeks later after viewing the property



The old Brompton hospital will become family homes

Hospital's patient buyers

NORTHACRE, the company which is transforming the old Brompton hospital in west London into residential property, has already sold 41 of the 78 apartments off-plan, Katherine Bergen writes.

The new blocks, which flank the main building, are scheduled for completion in December next year and the main building itself in January 1999. British buyers account for 65 per cent of sales and 70 per cent are intended for owner occupation.

Jackie Stewart, who already owns a flat in Northacres's Observatory Gardens development, was one of the first to reserve a unit "sight unseen". But, according to John Hunter who co-founded Northacre in 1988, the intention is to sell all the units off-plan. "With

previous developments we have withheld 25 per cent of the more expensive units because they sell very well as a finished product, when buyers gets the chance to see the overall development. But we expect most of The Bromptons to be sold before completion." he

Mr Hunter says that some of the smaller units have gone to Asian buyers for rental investment, but that most people who have reserved units intend to live on the site. Because many of the units have at least three bedrooms they really can be family homes."

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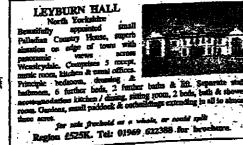
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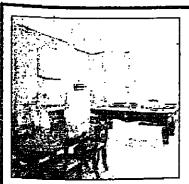
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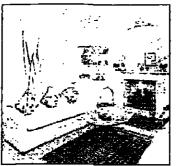
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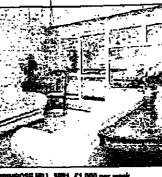
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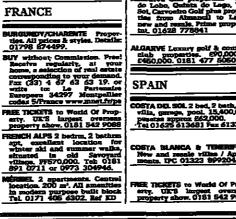
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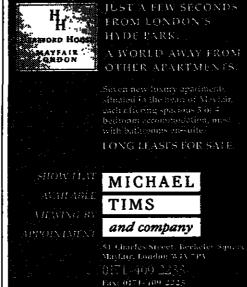
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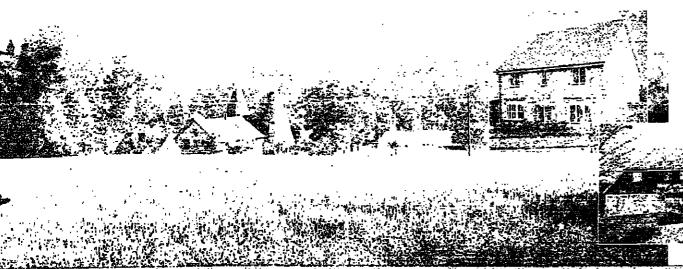
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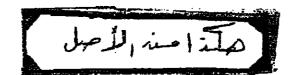
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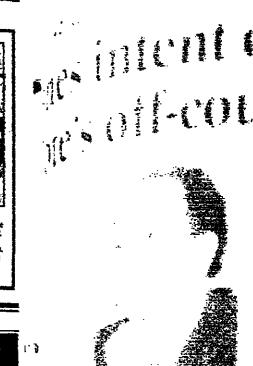
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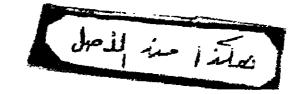
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RACING: LORD WYATT BOWS OUT WITH RECORD PROFITS

Jones intent on increasing Tote's off-course turnover

BY CHRIS MCGRATH

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WITH his successor sitting patiently beside him, the outgoing Tote chairman yesterday demanded that the record profits he was announcing be doubled inside "two or three years". It was a brusque indication that Lord Wyatt ppears finally to have discovered, after 21 years, what his critics have long suspected — that the Tote does indeed have the potential to lead racing out

of its funding maze.

Many feel that the Tote under Wyatt has been too meek, in contrast to his own autocratic style. But he retorts that he has bequeathed the means to realise the sport's most ambitious ends. After much delay. Peter Jones takes over on August 1, yet it was appropriate that Wyatt should be able to preside over a final annual report - clinging dog-gedly to the credit for a thoroughly upbeat set of figures. A much satirised figure

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

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9-4 Boretski, 5-1 Ramsty Hope, 8-1 Sweet Al Wholley, Captain Carol, 8-1 Bitzing Juny, 10-1 Pleasure Time, Bourcide Graups, 12-1 others.

THUNDERER 6.20 High Gain, 6.50 Senorita Matilda, 7.20 Cape

Pigeon, 7.50 Zinzari. 8.20 Who's That Man. 8.50

6.20 OVINGDEAN MEDIAN AUCTION SKY

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DRAW: 5F-6F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

(2-Y-0: £2,277: 5f 59yd) (6 runners)

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2.15 Lend A Hand. 2.45 Durgams First. 3.20 Bowelffie Grange, 3.50 Sense Of Priority. 4.20 Mystique Air. 4.50 Hadidi.



Jones understated

Wyatt certainly leaves the Tote in the rudest financial health, and - with Tote Direct terminals in 4,500 betting shops by the autumn - there is a buoyant air of expectation in racing, yesterday he sought greeting the new regime. For

instance, Wyatt yesterday made it clear that the Tote sport was also a record, up five would be willing to ease the per cent to £8.7 million. passage of any bid for William

With ongoing investment in software, Wyatt said: "I'm certain that within two or three years the Tore should be making a profit of £25 million available to racing."

endeavours, starting with a new "superbet" next year. The Tote at present takes

effectively.

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Almushtarak can land the spoils

SANDOWN PARK CHANNEL 4

2.05: Rokeby Bowl stays well but is vulnerable to an improving horse with a bit of toe. Khawafi, who romped away with his Goodwood maiden, fits the bill. Technicolour, narrow winner of her only start at Chepstow last season, is the other unexposed possibility.

2.35: Of the two smart performers to miss last season, Dettori appears to favour Lord Of Men, but his training problems are discouraging on this fast ground. Equally. Helicon changed his legs on it at Newhury. Ismaros finished with a flourish in a big field at Windsor, but Michael Stoute is prepared to reoppose with Silence Reigns, who might easily have been found a handicap instead.

3.10: This could go to a horse who has improved for his new stable - not Red Robho. up 6lb for winning the Royal Hunt Cup, but Almushtarak. A line through Ramooz, who shaded him in a group race at Newmarket last time, would



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

appear to limit his chances. as Ramooz was held in seventh at Ascot off the same mark as Almushtarak today. But Almushtarak may prove better suited by this stiff mile. Among those reopposing Red Robbo, Gold Spats is worth another chance. Cosmic Prince's stamina is suspect.

3.40: Tudor Island goes well round here, as he confirmed on his reappearance, but there could be better value about another course and distance winner. Midvan Blue. A close third at York, he does look well treated after being dropped another 3lb for not staying last time.

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SANDOWN PARK THUNDERER

3.40 Midyan Blue 4.10 Radar

2.35 Bahamian Knight 3.10 Fly To The Stars 4.40 FAITH ALONE (nab)

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 KHAWAFI (nap), 2.35 Lord Of Men. 3.10 Cosmic Prince.

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3.10 HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB TROPHY

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(Har	idicap	251,6	50° 1m 14yd) (18 tunners)		
301	:5,	6-3503	AMPRAK AJEEB 17 (BF.D.F.B.S) (4 Metta) 5 Harcas (5.4.11	M Ranger	92
30.	19,		ALMUSHTARAA 18 (D.F.G) (h. 4)-Laus es: 1 Laber 4 9-9	Paul Ecoco	92
303	12,	6-62205	LONGLY LEADER 28 (F) (S Saradi A Hamo: 4-3-5	Dan: Glad	96
30.1	(7)	10-1520	EOLD WORDS 28 (D.F.G.S) (M.S) (Asstern) 5 (Green 1994)	ಚ ಗಿರ್ಜಿಂಗ	经
305	17Ds	2-12541	FLY TO THE STARS 29 (D.F.) (* Camir, M. Johnston 3: 4:	Par Eccery	96
205	114)	510-210	HARMSLEY HILL 28 (V.D.F.G) IP Mondon, Mr. J. Farrage, 4-3-1	, focus	95
307	(12)		HORNEZAM 28 (S) or Parter J Jenets 3-8-13	R Coutrains	ς.
403	(2)	100-310	GULD SPATS 28 (D.F.S) (Chevels, Part State M. Stourc, 4++1).	J Herd	95
300	(13)	21-241	HARRY WOLTON ST (Q.F.) (Git hoad Securite: Pitt H Cecil 3-6-7	/ Figen	93
316	151)	01-5401	CLAN BEN 11 (CD.F.S) (Argue Durage Plot H Cool Sec. 1), 400-	J Lone	•
317	(18)	5/30-01		T Chairm	97
312	1E)	-500050		J F Egan	35
313	(15)	126-544	MY LEWICIA 20 (D,S) (6 Fings) P Have: 4-8-9	Loatter (7)	92
314	171	1561000	SUPERCAL 18 (F.G.S) (Caledonian Rucing Society) D Etunomi 3-6	2 D Hotang	9.
315	(3)	1122-24	DANCING BAAGE 28 (BF,D,F,G) (The Career) 1 Batcing 4-5-6	L Delian	98
316	(4)		SAFAN 28 (B.D.F.G) (Mr. L. Brok) 9 Marie 9-8-5	!! Day	92
317	(16)		COSMIC PRINCE 40 (F.G) (Cosmic Greynound Print, 44 July), 3-3-5.	6 Dulled	95
319	(77)	3-031	RIGHT WING 25 (B.S) (Ext Cadada) 22 hero 3-2-4	Scrate	91

BETTING, 6-1 Red Robbo 7-1 Dansmy Image 8-1 Hawkstey Hill, Clan Sen 10-1 Fix To The Self Gots Secti Cosmic Prince Right Wing, 12-1 other: 1996 Jun over 1m 26 SHEER DANIZIG 4-8-7 W Woods (10-1) 9 Americas 26 cm

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LONELY LEADER 341 2nd of 16 to Auturn Cover in Juddee Handicap at Kernelon (1/m good) with GOLD SPATS (9th insteas) short-head 3nd and CONCER UN (5th better 634 9th FLY 10 THE STARS beat home 194 in Britanois Handicap at Royal Ascot (1m, good) HANNGSLEY HBLL beat LONELY LEADER (2th better) 21 in Newbory land- cap (1m, good to timing with SAFAN (2th better) 21	Jersey Stakes at Boyal Accent (71, good to fit SUPERCAL, 15th better, 25-17th, REP theat Crown Court had not set 30-mar Rep to Court at Royal Accent (fitt, good to from with MS MAMER (48th, DAMER) (41th, DAMER) (6th better) about 17-1 6th HAWKSLEY Hiberter) 6th (4th, DGME) 3th and SARAN (6th BOLD SPATS (5th better) about 17-1 5th and SARAN (6th
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3.	40	SING	TAO TROPHY (Handicap £7,100 1m 6l) (9)	C4	
401	(3)	31;	BIMSEY 18J (D.F) (Mr., J Rign) R Aletteryl 7-10-0	T Cultum	-
402	(9)	2003-42	SILENTLY 22 (F.S) (G Season) J lung 5-9-10	R Firench (5)	95
403	(8)	0001140	MAZUREK 11 (F) (Kammac Pic) M Page 4-9-7	Paul Eddery	98
404	151	413-103	BOWCLIFFE COURT 11 (F.S) (A Spence) R Aletters! 5-3-7	D Denby (7)	92
405	(7)	23230-2	TUDOR ISLAND 32 (CD.F.G.S) (D Sett) C Britain 8-9-5	8 Doyle	95
406	(4)	33-2132	PERCY ISLE 25 (F) (Steath Mohammed) M Stoute 3-9-1	J Read	91
10.	(2)		MIDYAN BLUE 29 (CD,G,S) (F Fairner) J Eustace 7-5-11	R Cochrane	
409	(1)		SHINING DANCER 29 (F.G.) (Laternatus Partnerstop) 5 Dow 5-2-10	JF Egan	97
409	(6)	0243	GEORGIA VENTURE 22 (Or F Chao) 5 Woods 3-6-2	G Dutheid	97

BETTING: 4-1 Parcy Life, 9-2 Tudos Island, 5-1 Bancey, 13-2 Contrible Court, 7-1 Magnes, Status of Concer, 8-1 Salendy, Georgia Venture, 10-1 Mildren Blue 1996: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

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4.10 TIN TIN DAILY NEWS TROPHY MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-0: £3,648: 7f 16yd) (15 runners) 52 COMMANDER CHARLE 19 ID Watson I Balding 9-0 50 DARMO MEWS 4 IC Hames R Hamon 9-0 6 FAIR GAME 34 (Mr. D Sneeden) J Dunlop 9-0 6 INGS HASSAR (W Persons) I Poole 9-0 1 UND WARFORD IP Ketanden) G Galding 9-0 55 MEDOLE TEMPLE 29 (Sevendon) Partnership & Dunlop 3-0 824 OUTSOURCING 8 (8 Gover Boodstor's Trading bits IP Cole 9-0 PROTINGLY BUDY Portially Partners II Hagnes 9-0 PRODIGAL SON & Mons, 51; Williams 3-0 58 RADAR 18 (1 Same 3-0 60 SHAMMON'S SECRET 23 (Libr S Tubber) B Median 3-C 5 SINGLET 23 (Tubber) Watson 3-0 3 CRUSTIAL BAY 12 (Bentlan Haums) A Froder 8-3 SAFEDAR (Sheeth S 4 Mathematics A Mathema U Robert. G Carrield SETTING: 3-1 Security, 4-1 Outcourcong, 9-2 Commencian Charles, 6-1 Margin Turnow, Recor

1996: ISLE OF MAN 9-0 1 Overs (11-10 law) F Colo 13 ran FORM FOCUS

COMMANDER CHARLE '51 2nd of 5 to Conecic or Gooderood novice event (6) soft DARLING NEWS 8'41 7th of 14 to Faths in Sallsbury markers (7), good to farm) MIDDLE TEMPLE 41 5th of 10 to Anta Al Dawn on Notlingham markers (6), soft) with	SMILET 1 v.1 6th OUTSOURCERG 11 4 Ond of 9 to Caree Lenal in textulous names (6) goods RADAR 1141 5th of 10 to The Glor-Worm in Hermatic mardon 171 both Selection, RADAR

4.40 CHEVALIER TROPHY (Handicap: £3.534: 5f 6yd) (11 runners)

601	181	03-6000	HOH RETURNS 26 (F) (D ADDON) M Bell 4-10-0	92
602	ιĒι	0520110	WHITE EASE 11 (B,CD F,G,S) (Times Boars Recorg) 6 Meetin 4-10-6 Par Eddery	50
603	111	1121-45	CLAN CHEEF 11 (SF.CD.F.G) (P LCs.e) J Amold +9-13 T Chann	91
604	(4)	5-21400	KILCURLEN LAD 6 (V D F) 16 Tabril P Mooney 3-9-11 D R McCabe	92
605	(9)	0-00400	TADISTE 21 (D.G) (P. Charp Woo) & Americang 4-9-11 R. Proce	91
606	(7)	1-00260	LORD HIGH ADMIRAL 19 (CD.F.G.S) (Eine) & Healon-Ein: 9-9-10 UR Roberts	Ø
607	(5)	00-4151	FAITH ALONE 13 (F.S.) (Rev. F. Herre) C Wall 4-9-8 R LAMEN (5)	36
608	(C)	2033134	WILDW DALE 8 (D.F.S.) 6M Judison Bloodskiptly Dictioned 4-9-7 R Cochrane	97
609	(19)	41-6005	MASTER OF PASSION 78 (D.F.G.S) (Life & Mrs. Mage) I Sustaine 9-6-11. I Tate	93
610	(1)	2000000	DANCE FLYER 6 (BF.D.F.S) (Danceton Octobation O Adaption) 4-3-7. A Finencia (5)	95
611	13)	0140433	HALF TORE 18 (B.BF.CD.F.S) (Mrs. G. Teromorman) R Flores 5-7-13. J Lone	91
		1 Fash Ale Tone 10-1	ine, S-7 Clair Chief, D-1 White Error, Lord High Admirol (8-1 Wintow (sele 1/2) astern	e: C

1996 MASIC MAIL 3-9-13 Matin Disser (14-1) J Ember 12 iss FORM FOCUS

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COURSE SPECIALISTS							
Trainers	Wins	Rms	4	JOCKEYS	Minors	Rides	5
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J Gasalen	22	107	20.6	M Roberts	26 37	174	149
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3 15 200 T Commo RICHARD EVANS

Nap: CLAN CHIEF (4.40 Sandown Park) Next best: Alconleigh

(6.30 Doncaster)

Course specialists

YARMOUTH: Trainers: H Candy, 3 wrmers, from 3 runnors, 100%, D Leder, 12 from S1, 23-5%. H Cacil, 21 from 90, 23-3%; J Gosdan, 17 from 92, 18-5%. L Cumran, 12 from 65, 18-2%. M Bel, 15 from 93, 18-1%, Joeclesys: K Darkey, 18-5%. Is from 63, 18-1%. Joeclesys: K Darkey, 18-2 from 152, 21-1%. P McCabe, 7 from 35, 19-4%, M Henry, 4 from 22, 18-2%, M Hills, 26 from 157, 16-6%.



the last laugh. "I know Peter Jones will do a good job," he said. "He has a good hand to play. He must succeed."

shops, would be prepared to take no fewer than 100 Hills shops out of the equation. William Hill remains the last of the big bookmakers to resist Tote Direct, the recruitment of Ladhrokes in February being savoured in an annual report detailing profits up by 21 per cent to £12.8 million. The same month, Parliament permitted the Tote

Hill by Bass, owners of Coral

(the first big firm to embrace

Tote Direct). Bass could expect

to be referred to the Monopo-

lies and Mergers Commis-sion, and Wyatt indicated that

the Tote, which owns 209

the daily numbers game. This growth area is energetically promoted by the big bookmakers, as the turnover generated is not subject to racing's levy. All the Tote's profits, by contrast, go to

3.50 COWSTAND BRIDGE SELLING STAKES

3-1 Sense Of Prunty. 9-2 Quodiants Carrage. 5-1 Spotted Eagle, 7-1 Set Cottage. 8-1 Chaice, 10-1 Loch Style, Justity. 12-1 others

4.20 PALLETT HILL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

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3 5 LA PERDOMA 20 Mes M Matter 8-11 J Carnol 5
4 -2 MOON HARY 35 J 6 Shyth-Deborne 8-11 Seacers 6
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6 0 PISSINI SATINUM 41 J L Harris 8-11 A College 17
7 -000 THEWRIGHTONE 34 (N) G Dictryol 8-11 K Hodgson 4

5-4 Mystague Air, 7-4 Moon Farry, 7-2 Damiree, 16-1 (a Pentiome, 33-1 Pisux Safirwa, 50-1 Joylol Joy. Thewnghlone

TRANSPERS: K Mchalifle, 3 wisness form 12 entours, 25.0%: N Tirkler, 5 from 25, 20.0%; bits M Reveloy, 19 from 104, 18.3%; J L Harris, 3 from 16, 18.7%; M Johnston, 13 from 91, 14.3%; J Heiherton, 3 from 22, 13.6%; J Beshall, 4 from 34, 11.6%; D (Capment, 4 from 37, 10.8%; J Wester, 14 from 91, 15.4%; J Wester, 14 from 91, 15.4%; J Winne, 5 from 41, 12.2%; N Communion, 8 from 69, 11.6%.

3-1 Page 4-1 Zinzari, 5-1 Risent Douata, Cardon Ventore, Mr. Brownico, 8-1 offices.

8.20 TELSCOMBE CLIFFS HANDICAP SKY

1 DS46 CRINICHE CUEST 30 (C.D.F.C.S) M Chanton 4-9-5 T Omino 3 2 GOD- ASYM 243 (C.P.) I Bridger 8-9-2 P Don (7) T 3 3 GO-6 ALWAYS GRACE 24 (C.P.) 6-70 helinory 5-8-13 Done O'Nikil 2 4 1 PUZICATO 18 (D'R Wilsons 3-8-12 D Griffish (3) 4 5 DZ25 SUITE FACTORS 30 (D.P.) 6 Burle 3-8-12 R Petrons 5 6 GSOO RISE W SHINE 9 C Cyarr 3-8-9 W Hygns 6

2-1 Continhe Dansi. 3-1 Alleren Grace, 7-2 Pitzicato, 4-1 State Factors, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: 1. Corrient, 15 warners from 45 repeace, 33.3%, M. Jarvis, 7 feets 24, 29.2%, D Lode, 4 from 14, 28.8%, R Methurst, 22 from 92, 23.9%, J Danlop, 11 from 52, 21.2%, 5 Woods, 5 from 24, 20.9%, JOCKEYS: M Roberts, 22 warners from 83 rides, 76.7%, T Junn, 53 from 277, 24.4%, Dane O'Reil, 14 from 83, 16.3%; M Wighers, 4 from 25, 16.0%; 8 Doyle, 15 from 102, 14.7%, J D Sraith, 4 from 29, 13.8%

Blinkered first time

SANDOWN PARK: 3.10 Hawksky Hill YARMOUTH: 4.30 Zaretski. CATTERCK: 4.50 Coral Island. DONCASTER: 7.00 Mungo Park BRIGHTON: 8.20 Keen Waters. WORCESTER: 5.10 Vical 'O Bray: 7.40 Appearance Money: 8.10 Salls Legend: 8.40 Welsh Legen

FILLIES STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,448: 71) (7)

4.50 BECKSIDE HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £3,018: 1m 3f 214yd) (10)

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

.50 SOUTH DOWNS HANDICAP

(3-Y-0: £2,277: 1m 11 209yd) (11)

8.50 LEWES LIMITED STAKES

(£2,277: 5f 59yd) (6)

to join bookmakers in betting

on the Irish Lottery and 49s,

Next to Wyatt, with his ostentatious Havana and bow-tie. Jones makes for an appealing contrast, understated and down-to-earth. He quietly restored a sense of perspective to the Tote's achievements - and its future

less than one per cent of the off-course market." he said, "[would like to see that share grow to four or five per cent plus during my time as chairman. That will require the full distribution of Tote Direct, and we will have to produce new bets and market them

YARMOUTH

THUNDERER 1.50 Soda Pop. 2.25 Royal Rights. 2.55 Prima Verde. 3.30 Blueygreen. 4.00 Meshhed. 4.30 Alamein. 5.00 Leading Note. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.30 TUMBLEWEED RIDGE.

	
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1.50 LIPTON SELLING STAKES (£2,243: 1m 2f 21yd) (6 runners) (4) 3121 GLESSTHMATION 2 (C.D.F.G.S) J Peace 8-9-12

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n		SALSETTE C Britain 8-9 W J O'Connor	
• •	Rionts.	4-1 Headhurter, 6-1 Saltette, 8-1 Stone Of Destiny, 18-1 other	13

2.55 HORSEY FILLIES HANDICAP

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	(2)	0526		9
•			PROMA VERDE 18 (D.6.5) L Current 4-10-0 K Darley	8
	(9)	0-18	RAAHA 32 (BF,S) R Armstrong 3-9-2 R Hills	9
	(5)	D140	OUR WAY 18 (COLF) C Britain 3-9-0 W J O'Constor	9
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	(8)	D-33	BLOWING AWAY 28 M Tomplets 3-9-0 . M Henry (3)	9
	(3)	256	MISS RIMERA ROSE 11 6 Wrapp 3-8-10 Mi Hills	9
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- DONCASTER THUNDERER 6.30 Alconleigh. 7.00 John O'Dreams. 7.30 Mr Teigh. 8.00 Intikhab. 8.30 One Singer. 9.00 Kristal Breeze.

GOING: GOOD Draw: 5F-1M STR, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.30 gresley conditions stakes SKY 1 141 PRINCE FOLEY 30 (F.G.) W G M Turner 9-7 D McGaffin (7) 3 2 312 ALCONLEGEN 17 (8F.D.S) M Johnson 9-1 J Wester 1 3 1512 PREMEMB (PRESON 75 (8F.D.S) M Johnson 9-1 J Wester 1 4 MACS BACK W D Sorman 8-2 Eura O'Gorman 4 5 123 Ansiel Hell 42 (F) I Barron 8-6 L Charmock 5 7-4 Alcondeigh 2-1 Prince Foley 9-2 Angel Hell 5-1 Pressure Pursual 14-1 Mac's Back (2-Y-0: £4,406, 6f) (5 runners)

SER	ies (Handicap: £3,176° 5f) (12)	
1	0040	CHEMICAST 5 (B,D.F.S) J Eyre 4-10-0	
- 2	-413	SUPERBIT 12 (D.F.G.S.) 8 Mc(Athon 5-10-0	S Ruchton (5)
3	0360	BRECOMBILL LAD 17 (D.F.6) Miss 5 Half 5-9-17	
		THE WAD 32 (F.G) () Nichols 4-9-7	lone Wands I
5	-030	ANTARCTIC STORM 32 (F) R Fairy 4-9-6	R Waster :
6	0602	CROSS THE BOADER 2 (BF.D.F) D Nictials 4-9-	PRobets
7	0133	MONGO PARK 11 (V.BF,D,F) Mrs. J. Ramssten 3-9	-0
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. 8	2423	FEATHERSTONE LANE 34 (BF.D.F) Mex. L Skittel	16-8-9
		-	î Sidoali (3)
9	3066	REINHARDT 5 (D.F) D Nichols: 4-8-8	A Mechalls (?)
10	0453	SOUTHERN DOMERNON 9 (B.D.F) Mass J Craze 5-	8-5
		Ca	rohje Balles (5)
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12	4006	JOHN O'DREAMS 12 (CD.F.G.S) Nov. 4 long 12-6	1 Pressey
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COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANCES: J Gosden, 30 winners from 137 numers, 21 9%, J Duslog 25 from 131, 19 1%, M Stocke, 18 from 95, 16,9%; J Fanstrance 7 from 50, 14,0%; J Stower, 5 from 41, 12,2%; J Berry, 15 from 129, 11,6%

7.00 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SKY

2	-413	SUPERBIT 12 (D.F.G.S) 8 McUtation 5-10-0 S	Hughton (5)
3	0360	BRECONGELL LAD 17 (D.F.E) Miss 5 Half 5-9-17	G Parlor
4	0030	THE WAD 32 (F.G) () Nichols 4-9-7 to	ne Yvands
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Country retreat at end of tourist trail

THE Australians go back to work today, their midsummer repose complete. If the early part of their itinerary was mistakenly and expensively cramped, the past week has offered a timely breather and they have used it beneficially. They are approaching the decisive phase of their trip

ominously chipper.
Since winning Manchester Test, the Australians have behaved more like tourists than touring cricketers. They have seen the sights of Edinburgh and played golf at Dalmahoy and St Andrews. Four players attended the British Grand Prix and then. on Monday, they all did something entirely different and played a game of cricket. It was not the game itself

that was different but the venue. One thing that sets cricket apart from other sports is its infinite variety of settings. Everyone has a favourite ground but for rural splendour, manicured presentation and sheer unashamed Englishness, Wormsley takes some beating.

Many will not have heard of

Wormsley and many more will not have seen it. There is a simple reason for this: it is a private wonderland. The ground, carved out of wooded hills, acts as the front lawn of J Paul Getty's country seat. Here, before an invited audience enjoying hedonism on a grand scale, the Australians played their last fixture before the serious business resumes against Glamorgan at Cardiff

They played it wide-eyed, spending the off-field moments clicking their cameras, spotting celebrities and gog-gling at the rolling Oxfordshire scenery. The sun shone and the scene was to die for. The Australians, most of whom are more beguiled by things quaintly English than they would care to admit, will cherish the day.

Three things are said regularly of Getty. One concerns his great wealth, another his reclusive nature and the third his passion for cricket. The third has been assisted by the



England's glory: J Paul Getty's private ground at Wormsley provides a stunning setting for the Australians to end their mid-tour break

first, for he has become one of the game's great benefactors, and it seems to have counteracted the second, too. On Monday, the great recluse entertained 400 guests and beamed munificently.

Lords and ladies abounded, as did mighty men of the military. Marianne Faithfull was there and just about the entire Jagger family, Mick's elderly father reminiscing of the day that he went for a trial with Yorkshire and thought he might be accepted until they discovered that he was born in Chelmsford.

Cricket luminaries were everywhere and Geoff Marsh.

the Australia coach, had an hour-long chinwag with his predecessor, Bob Simpson. Most of the Surrey committee seemed to be present, along with a chap named Major who is thought to be worth nominating, and Alex Tudor had barely bowled the first ball of the game before the Bedser twins were giving their views on the weak bodies and minds of modern fast bowlers.

Wormsley, however, is a new ground. It might not look it, with its thatched pavilion and matching scorebox, but the first match was staged

setting, it was appropriate.

In such an apparently timeless

only five years ago. The following year, Getty's love of cricket was manifested in a different way. He liked Wisden so much, he bought the company.

He has about a dozen fixthan those who find their way in via the bridleways of the Chilterns, are estate workers and villagers of the four local parishes. It is faintly feudal, but nobody seems to mind.

On Monday it was like Arundel without the crowds. There was a military hand before play but no intrusive public address. The tempo-

rary loos behind the marquees were equipped in a way to put most hotels to shame. There was ice-cream dispensed from a bicycle, but nothing so. vulgar as a hot-dog stall or a beer tent. And there was Pimm's and champagne at

This, evidently, is one of the traditions of Wormsley but Dickie Bird did not repeat his gaffe of the first occasion he umpired here. Seeing the midday drinks invitation on the guests' programme, he had brought all the players off on the stroke of noon, expecting something fruity with a kick. Getty's staff, unfazed, produced a trayful. The traditional pace of the day is charmingly anachronistic. Play starts at 11.30am and lunch, at 1.30pm, lasts for a notional hour, usually longer. There are no overs limitations and the declaration - inevitable on such a sublime pitch — is complicated by the fact that tea is

No surprise, then, that the game finished drawn. It was not a joke match, however. and nor was it without some highly-distinguished cricket. This had virtually been assured on the day that Faith Hawkins, who organises the

inclined to stretch out a shade,

Getty teams, received a call from "Mr G", as she calls him with deference, suggesting that, on this occasion, his XI should be competitive. He

knew his Australians. A few previously invited players were thus gently stood down on the grounds of being long in the tooth. One such has-been was Mike Procter. who took no offence and enjoyed the day as a guest. His replacement, Graeme Hick, was one of six Test players in a

Total (5 wkts dec)

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-28, 3-102, 4-167, 5-216. BOMLING: Tudor 10-0-47-0; Brown 9-2-28-2; Holfodes 5-0-36-1; Strang 8-0-58-0; Whittelf 9-1-65-2; Hick 1-0-5-0; Crowe 2-0-

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Umpires: H D Bard and N T Plews

team that also included the young bucks of the English game, Tudor and Ben Holli-

Matthew Elliott's 95 for the Australians was somewhat lost amid the lingering lunch, but tea was long since over when Martin Crowe showed that he retired too soon with an unbeaten century. The good news for Michael Bevan, whose Test place is precari-ous, is that he took all four wickets to fail. The bad news is that his nine overs cost 85

runs. It hardly mattered. For once, the surroundings will linger long after the figures

Swindon keen to make Rush signing

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IAN RUSH, the Wales striker. could end his playing career with Swindon Town in the Nationwide League first divi-sion. Rush, who has been told that he can leave Leeds Uni-ted, has had discussions with Steve McMahon, the Swindon()

manager.
"I've spoken to lan and he's keen to come to here," McMahon, who played alongside Rush at Liverpool, said-yesterday. The only problem is that he has a year of his contract left at Leeds and we're trying to sort out the financial side of

Rush scored only three goals in 42 appearances for Leeds last season and was one of five first-team players left out of the club's pre-season trip to Sweden yesterday. Brian Deane, Tomas Brolin, Carlton Palmer and Tony Dorigo were the others.

Tottenham Hotspur have completed the signing of David Ginola, the Newcastle United winger, for £2 million. "Tottenham was always my first choice." Ginola said. The big challenge for me is to help the club into Europe this

Danny Murphy. 20, the Crewe Alexandra midfield player, has joined Liverpool for £1.5 million, which could later rise to £3 million, and Kevin Phillips, 23, the Watford striker, has moved to Sunderland for an initial 5325,000. Reading have signed Ray Houghton, the Ireland and former Crystal Palace mid-

field player, as player-coach.
Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, is expected to cap-ture his eighth foreign player in three months later this week. Jerome Bonnissel, a left back, was due to leave Deportivo La Coruña, of Spain, for Highbury yesterday but the deal was delayed.

Mark Hateley, 35, the for-mer England and Rangers forward, has become playermanager of Hull City, the third division club. He has appointed Billy Kirkwood, the former Rangers youth team coach and Dundee United manager, as his assistant. Alvin Martin, the former West Ham United defender, is the new manager of Southend United.

SAILING

Golden day dawns for Golding

GROUP 4 was heading smoothly towards the finish line in Southampton harbour last night as the first yacht home in the BT Global Challenge 30,000-mile, round-theworld race (John Goodbody

Barring a last-minute disaster, the yacht was expected to finish about 2hr 45min clear of Toshiba Wave Warrior, with Concert 2hr 15min farther back.

Group 4, skippered by Mike Golding, a professional sailor and former fire-fighter, was sailing parallel to the English coast in occasional drizzle and. before a 15-20 knots southwest-erly wind. One of the crewmembers, Alex Sizer, a Surrey student, should have a double celebration today - victory in the toughest yacht race in the world and her 23rd birthday.

On Monday, it had looked as if Wave Warrior might put pressure on Group 4, which had struggled to maintain her course and her more-accustomed 24-hour run of more than 200 miles. Wave Warrior had gained II miles, but lost eight overnight when the wind dropped. At daybreak yesterday, she was 23 miles behind the leader, with Concert 22 miles farther back

Room at the top for Essex to fill

By Michael Henderson

ESSEX have most to play for when the county championship programme resumes today As Glamorgan, the leaders, entertain the Australians, Essex, who have played one game fewer, go to Northampton looking for the victory that would put them top of the

They will not be frightened to go there. Northamptonshire, who are not short of talented players, seem to be falling apart. They are one place off the bottom and John Emburey, who began his coaching career last year blessed by kind words and extravagant predictions (not his own), is finding life on the

Interactive Team Cricket standings and positions will appear in tomorrow's paper

other side of the ropes more difficult than he would wish. David Roberts, their 20-yearold batsman, returns to open the innings.

Middlesex are also sitting this round out, which gives Kent the chance to move above them into third place. Kent did themselves no favours at Lord's last Saturday, when, once again, their nerve failed them in a knockout final. But they are strong enough in bowling to be involved in the championship until the race is

Two sides who will not be involved in that race meet at Old Trafford. Lancashire's four-day cricket gets no better, although they did beat Middlesex two weeks ago, when Peter Martin took 13 wickets in the match. Significantly, half a dozen members of the regular team missed that game for one reason or another.

Sussex gave themselves something to look forward to when they beat Lancashire at Hove last week, in the NatWest Trophy. Otherwise their season has been a catalogue of disaster. They have yet to win a championship match although Paul Jarvis, who has missed the last five games with an Achilles tendon injury, may return today. Derbyshire, the other side

yet to claim a victory, go to the lovely tent-ringed college ground at Cheltenham where, no doubt, the Slad Exiles will be toasting the most celebrated exile of all, the late Laurie Lee. Who knows? Derbyshire, wracked by self-doubt and general dissatisfaction, might be sufficiently roused by the splendid setting to overturn a Gloucestershire team that continues to look more than the sum of its parts. David Lawrence may resume his interrupted comeback for

Gloucestershire. Mark Wagh, the captain of Oxford University, joins the Warwickshire team at Trent Bridge, in place of Nick Knight, who must again rest an injured finger. Keith Piper is also missing with a rup-tured Achilles. Nottinghamshire await a late test on Mark Bowen, their leading wicket-

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Hove umpires wideawake McGrath masters

ark Robinson's unusual dismissal at Hove on Sunday created a lively debate. With Sussex wanting one run to overhaul Gloucestershire's 141 for nine in their Axa Life League match, Robinson was stumped off a wide, the one run for the wide securing them

Should Robinson have been given out, given that the "deciding" wide preceded the stumping? Yes, says Law 23, clause 4, which states that "the ball is not dead when the umpire has called no-ball or

What would have happened had Robinson's been the tenth wicket to fall, rather than the ninth? Sussex would have been all out for 142 and deemed winners by one run even though they batted sec-

Young bloods

All the good news in English cricket is being made by teenagers at the moment. Hot on the heels of Ben Hollioake's triumph in the Benson and Hedges Cup final, comes news that England's Under-17 team won the international youth tournament in Bermuda.

The competition is for under-19 sides from the "nonsenior major cricket playing nations" plus England, who agreed to take part provided that they were allowed to send a younger batch of players.

Captained by Robert Key, of Kent, they won five matches and tied the sixth, with Holland. They were managed by John Abrahams and coached by Geoff Arnold. Their next big assignment is the ICC Youth World Cup in South Africa early next year.

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Take cover

Hampshire's move to a greenfield site cannot come soon enough for the beleaguered residents around their existing ground at Northiands Road, Southampton. For years they have been bom-barded by big-hitters smiting sixes out of the small ground, their car windscreens being the most common casualties.

Three days ago Graeme Hick and Tom Moody, of Worcestershire, managed to lose three balls in no time and the umpires' supply of spares for 16 with it in 30 balls.

New technology is all very well until it does not work, as the crowd at Lord's for "Ben Hollioake's match" know to their cost, the electronic score board on the tavern side of the ground unhelpfully going blank for a period during the afternoon. Cynics suggested that this may have had something to do

was getting so low that John Stephenson, the Hampshire captain, complained bitterly when he was handed one that was soft and bore no seam. He kept mum a little later, though, once he had taken six Blank screen

with the fact that the informa-tion it had been dispensing was inaccurate and the operators were trying to unravel their mistakes, but whatever the reason, spectators in the new Grand Stand were left craning their necks to catch a glimpse of the score from the new scoreboard — also electric - above their heads.

If this made anyone yearn for manually operated scoreboxes, they might like to know that the old Grand Stand box will rattle on at Shenley Park, Hertfordshire, although it is not yet in operation. "We could not get it out there in time to set it up for the new season," one MCC official said gloomi-

Archive footage

Now that the rainy season appears to have ended, and the BBC has no excuse to show replays of the great matches of yesteryear, nostalgia-buffs will be grateful for the chance to dip into the past at the British Film Institute's archive cricket evening on Tuesday. August 19.

The show, at the National Film Theatre, focuses on past battles for the Ashes and includes reels of Don Bradman playing in England in 1930, the 1938 and 1948 Australians, and what is billed as the "world's first cricket film" -- Ranjitsinhji practising in the nets in Australia in 1897. There will also be recently

discovered film of a match tween Sussex and Lancashire at Horsham in 1913 and a tribute to the late Denis Compton. Tickets cost £6.25 (concessions £4.75) from the NFT box-office (0171 928 3232).

FATHER TIMES

the Dutch attack

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

SCARBOROUGH (Holland won toss): Yorkshire beat Holland by 82 runs

THIS one-sided contest illustrated that Holland are not as vell-equipped as some may imagine. Their learning process continues. Gavin Hamilton, Scotland-born and usually batting at No 8, proved it by plundering 60 from 32 balls

More predictably, Anthony McGrath swept beyond his third Scarborough Festival fifty in four days to reach 114, with 11 fours and three sixes from 134 balls, and consign the Holland batsmen to a damage-limitation process. They achieved this muted

target, losing by a respectable margin without remotely threatening victory. Klaaf Jan van Noortwijk made a halfcentury, as he did during the 49-run defeat by England at Peshawar in the World Cup last year. Bas Zuiderent, 20, who

scored 54 in that game, was less successful this time, five days after rejecting a six-week trial with Worcestershire, against whom he hit 99 in the NatWest Trophy last month. caught at short extra cover,

leaving his World Cup cohort to wield a bold bat, score 82 from 111 balls and offer a reminder of Holland's threewicket win in the corresponding match last summer. Yorkshire had also been put into bat in that game. The there, although Tim de Leede,

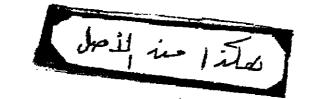
the captain, bowled medium pace admirably once more, taking four for 53 and recovering from an over costing 21 runs. Hamilton punished him for five consecutive fours and

later added the wickets of-Zuiderent and Eric Gouka. Asim Khan was run out by a direct hit by Darren Gough, a substitute fielder for Martyn Moxon, and the orangecapped Dutch fielders, who had earlier pursued everything zealously, were finally subdued in all other aspects. Their new-ball attack had

featured Eric Dulfer, an off spinner, as Moxon and McGrath shared a century opening stand.

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Ullrich gives rivals mountain to climb

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE IN ANDORRA

JAN ULLRICH yesterday became the first German in 20 years to wear the yellow jersey of the leader of the Tour de France after climbing to a remarkable stage victory at the Arcalis ski resort in Andorra. At 23, he became one of the youngest riders ever to lead the Tour and finally settled any debate over the leadership of the powerful Telekom team. where his team-mate, the derending Tour champion. Bjarne Riis, again struggled to keep pace with the front of the

Before the Tour, I didn't care if Bjarne or me was the leader." Ullrich said. "Our tactic was to eliminate our rivals and try to win the race. There are a lot of hard days still to come and today I just want to celebrate wearing the yellow jersey."

On the longest mountain stage of this year's Tour, the riders called a truce for the first 50 kilometres of the stage before stopping en masse at

d'Aspet to pay a moving tribute to the Italian former Olympic champion, who died after crashing on the descent of the mountain during the 1995 Tour.

However, on the next climb,

the Col de Port, the racing resumed as the Festina team of Richard Virenque set a breakneck pace. After a frenetic plunge into the valley, a reduced field regrouped on the approach to the 45-kilometre ascent of the Port d'Envalira. with Riis and the Spanish favourite, Abraham Olano, already showing signs of fatigue. Once over the summit and with the field descending at speeds of almost 60mph towards Europe's most inaccessible tax haven, Olano and Riis were able to rejoin the

front group. Yet it was a temporary reprieve. The final steep ascent to Arcalis, which climbs about 3,000 feet in fewer than 20 kilometres, proved to be their undoing as Cedric the Fabio Casartelli memorial Vasseur, the outgoing race on the climb of the Portet leader, attacked. As Riis and

TENTH STAGE (Luchon to Andorra-Arcats, 252km). 1, J. Ultrich (Ger. Telefrom)
Thr 46min 6ser: 2, M. Pantarii (II, Mercatone Uho) at mini 8ser; 3, R. Virenque (Fr. Festna) same tione, 4, F. Casagrande (ft. Saeco) 2:01, 5, B. Ris. (Den. Telefrom) 3:22; 6, E. Dudaux. (Switz. Festina) 3:27; 7, J. Jaménaz (Sp. Banesto) 3:45; 8, F. Escartin (Sp. Ks/Mere); 9, A. Otano (Sp. Banesto); 10, A. Elfi (ft. Cacino); 11, M. Fincato (ft. Rostoto); 12, P. Limo (Fr. Bit) all same lime; 58, M. Scandn (GB, La Française des Jeunt

9, Casagrande 720; 10, C Vasseur (Fr. GAN) 721; 11, Lino 741; 12, P Luttenberger (Austria, Rabobani Lutienberger) 8'02; 81, Sciendri thr Ima 54ee; 94, Boardman 1-10-25ee; Points (Inserting forem, present 1, E Zebo 54sec; 94, Boardman 1-10:42sec. Points classification (green persey): 1. E. Zabe (Ger. Teletom) 25-5ps; 2. F Morcessin (Fr. GAN):173-3. J Bijlenens (Holl, TVM) 159, 4. N Minal (It. Beth) 121. S M McCeen (Aus. Rabobank). 112. King of the mountains joolks dor jersey): 1, Virenque 205pts; 2. 1. Brochard (Fr. Festina) 160); 3. Lilinch 139; 4. Partan 100; 5. Casagrande 93. Teams: 1, Festina-165hr 17min 8sec; 2. Teletom 4mn 55ec; 3. Mercalona Line 5-48. 4man 50sec, 3. Mercalone Benesto 9:55; 5, Mapel 32:25

Lewis Bercheid).

SALAMANCA Spelin: International meeting (winners) Meri: 100m: L Chashe (G2) 10 12sec. 1,500m: V Niyongabo (Bunudi) 3mm 34.70sec. 110m hundles: I Kovan (Slovakia) 13.18sec. High jump: J Sotomayor (Cube) 2 34m. Long jump: E Walder (US) 8.27m Womer: 100m hundles: L Engoviet (Swe) 12.54set (vind assisted): 400m hundles: D Pernia (Cuba) 55.80

BADMINTON

Olano struggled. Vasseur's biggest problem came from another source: Ullrich picked up speed and, hunched determinedly over his bike, rode nast the Frenchman and away from the rest of the field. It was a display of controlled power that only Virenque and the Italian climber, Marco Pantani, could hope to follow, but Ullrich's aerodynamic timetrialling style took him farther away from his pursuers and he crossed the line for the second Tour stage win of his

career with more than a

"I didn't tell Jan to attack."

minute to spare.

Riis said later, "but when you are riding as well as he is at the moment, you have to take advantage. It doesn't matter if it is him or me in the lead we want to win as a team and you can't do it on your own." With the Pyrenees behind him, Ullrich is likely to keep the race lead at least until the time-trial on Friday in St Etienne - indeed, his strength against the clock may even see him increase his advantage

"Ullrich was great today." Virenque said, "but the race isn't even at the halfway point yet and the Alps will be very tough. That will be the real test of his leadership."

Chris Boardman, started the stage with a bruised and sore neck after falling heavily the day before, sensibly opted to ride within his limits in an attempt to recover before the time-trial. which he has targeted for a second stage win.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Soston 18 Detroit 4: Baltimons 9 Toronto 5; Cleveland 3 New York Yankees 2 (10ons); Kansas Cay 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida 5 Montreal 4 renniumoru, uzastrz: Horida 5 Montreal 4 (12nns); Crichmat 4 St Louis 2; Prisburgh 6 New York Mets 4, Atlanta 10 Philadelphia 6; Houston 9 Cribago Cubs 7 (15inns), Los Angeles 14 Colorado 12 (10inns), San Dego 5 San Francisco 3



Ullrich raises his arms in triumph as he wins the stage and takes the yellow jersey

RUGBY UNION

All Blacks wait for **England**

ENGLAND have been given the draw they probably least wanted when they were paired with New Zealand in their pool for the 1999 World Cup assuming, that is, England come through a qualification tournament next autumn (Mark Souster writes).

As long as they do, England will then play all their pool matches at Twickenham. Don Rutherford, the Rugby Football Union's director of rugby said: "We knew we would have to play South Africa. New Zealand or Australia but New Zealand have to be the clear favourites for the World Cup and, at the moment, are probably 20-30 points better than any other side in the

In the other groups, South Africa play in Pool A at Murrayfield; France, the five nations' champions, in Pool C on their home ground and Wales, the host nation, in Pool D. kicking off their challenge in front of their own supporters

In Pool E. Ireland are likely to meet Australia at Lansdowne Road.

The qualifying rounds will be played in November 1998. with Pool 1 in England, Pool 2 in Scotland and Ireland host-

DRAW: Pool A (to be held in Scotland): South Ainca, Europe 3, Europe 4, Reperhage 2, Pool B (to be held in England): New Zealand, Europe 2, Europe 5 Reperhage 1 Pool C (to be held in Francs): France, Pacific 2, America 2, Africa 1 Pool (t) be held in Marsia Wates, America 1, Pecific 3, Asia 1 Pool E (to be held in Pacific 3). Braden 1 Europe 1 America 2.

IN BRIEF

Gregory pays for outburst

ANDY GREGORY, the Salford Reds coach, was fined £1,500 yesterday for insulting the referee after his team's defeat by Leeds Rhinos ten days ago. Gregory, who must pay £500 immediately - the rest will be waived if he stays out of trouble for a year admitted bringing the game into disrepute.

The incident is not expected to affect his candidature for the Great Britain coaching vacancy. He promised the Rugby Football League board of directors there would be no repeat, but offered no comment afterwards.

Rifle shooting: William Meldrum, at 29 one of the younger Bisley match rifle shooters, yesterday finished second in the Hopton Cup overall championship, just four points behind Stuart Collings, the winner in five of the past seven years.

Speedway: Charlie Ermolenko has agreed terms to join King's Lynn, of the Elite League. The Californian, whose previous season was blighted by a broken leg. will make his debut today against Wolverhampton, the team that has just dropped him.

Tennis: Tim Henman went from No 20 to No 18, and Greg Rusedski from No 24 to No 25, in the latest world rankings, though neither was involved in tournament play last week. The changes were the result of movements of other players.

ATHLETICS -. .

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS GREAT SRITAIN TEAM: Ment. (100m: I Maclue (Pitesane); D Campbell (Beigrave); M Devonish (Covertity Godies) 200m: D Welker (Newham and Essex Beagles); O Devo (Sale Harriers); J Golding (Black-reath); 400m: I Thornas (N and EB); M Richardson (Windson: Slough and Elon); J Bauch (Cowerthy, Godies); M Sessey (Leeds); J 500m; J Haylock (Camnock and Stationderine); K McKay (Sale Harriers); 5,000m; R Demman (Bassdon); 3,000m; steephachesse; R Hough (Shelfield); 110m hurdles; T Jamett (Harriege); C Jackson (Brecon); A Tufloch (Balgrave); 400m hurdles; C Rewinson (Belgrave); B Desathwater (Harringey); D Chembers (Belgrave); 4 x 400m nalay (from) Macide, Devoneh, Walker, Golding, D Brasthwater (Harringey); D Chembers (Belgrave); 4 x 400m nalay (from); Thomas, Burbandson; Budghard Hon) Marethor; P Nenster (Bragley Harriers); D Bucza (Corneal); D Report (Briggerot); B Beck (Team Solent); S Bedock (Culo Hastings); M Hylton (Windson; Sough and Eron) Marethor; P Nenster (Bragley Harriers); P Strait (Liverpool Harrys); Pole (Liverpool Harrys); Pol GREAT SRITAIN TEAM: Mon: 100m:

gery S Sraft (Liverpool Harrers). Polis-vault: N Bucklidd (Crawley), Triple jumps: F-Agyepong (Shaftestuny Bermet): I Erbands-(Catechead), Shott S Pokering (Haringsy); II Procler, IV and EB). Discus: B Wei-Berchieldi; G Sraft Solikul and Smati-Head). Hammer: D Smath (Belgrave). Javolin: S Backley (Cambridge): M Hill Leeds): N Netand (Shaftestury Barnet) Momer: 100m: S Jacobs (Shaftestury Samet M Rethardson, Wirdson; Stough Momers 100m: S. Jacobs (Shaffeshory Barriet), M. Richardson, Windson: Shaffeshory Barriet), M. Richardson, Windson: Shaffeshory and Eton) 200m: K. Marry (Brachfield), Jacobs 400m: D. Fraser (Croydon Hamers) A. Curbushley (Edmourgh Wootlein Mill). 800m: K. Hotmas (Estang, Southall and Middlesex) 1,500m: Hotmas, J. Pawey (Bratol), 5,000m; P. Baddielle (Bedfood and Cof. Marathon: S. Goldsonth (Edmourgh Wootlein Mill). C. Hunter-Rowel (Floriedth): A. Malinemon: S. Goldsonth (Edmourgh Wootlein Mill). C. Hunter-Rowel (Floriedth): A. Malinemon: S. Goldsonth (Edmourgh Wootlein Mill). C. Hunter-Rowel (Floriedth): A. Malinemon: S. Goldsonth (Edmourgh Wootlein J. Warth (Lorge J. Wootlein): J. Warth (Bromley (Wiger), M. Thomas (Bactheldth): High jump: D. Marti, (Bromley Ludies). Long jump: J. Wise (Coverthy Godon): Triple jump: J. Wise (Coverthy Godon): Triple jump: A. Hanson (Shafteshoury Barnet); M. Gotton (Miller): Short J. Short J. Martineson; Sough and Eton). Short J. Gotton (Miller): Short J. Martineson; Sough and Eton).

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TODAYS EXTURES CRICKET Tetley's Challenge Series CAFIDIFF: Glamorgan v Australians Tour match 11.0 first day of three WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Pakistan A Britannic Assurance

county championship 11.0, first day of four CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire v Derbyshire
CANTERBURY: Kent v Lecestershire
OLD TRAFFORD: Lenceshire v Sussex
NORTHAMPTON: Northemptonshire v ESSEX TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire v

YESTERDAY'S RACING RESULTS

Warwickshire GUILDFORD: Surrey v Hampshire SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Durham REPRESENTATIVE MATCH (one day)*
Lord's: MCC Schools v NAYC.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP; First day of
three: South Shields: Durham v LeicesterSouthgate CC: Middlesex v Gloucester-shire. Wellingborough; Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire Hove; Sussex v Glamor-

shire. Second day of four: Taunton: Somerset v Warwickshire. The Oval: Surrey V Kent. MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (B-

FOOTBALL
INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Third place play-oft: Deny Cay or Celtic v Newcestle United or PSV Endfoven (6.0). Pinal: Deny Cay or Celtic v Newcestle or PSV Endfoven (6.15) (posit at Laredowne Road, Dublin).
OTHER MATCHES: Crewe v Bolton (7.45): Everior v Rangers (7.45): Exerc Cay v Ouers Park Rangers (7.30): York City v Niddlesbrough (7.30).

OTHER SPORT UTHER SPORT
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SPEEDWAY: Eithe League: king's Lynn v
Wolverhampton (7 45); Poole v Eastbourne
(7 30) Premier League: Long Eaton v Huli
(7 45).

3.30 (5f) 1, Fashion Victim IA Culhane, 7-1); 2, Gildersleve (7-11, 3, Miss Eliminator (12-11, Patsy Culsyth 2-1 fav. 11 rsn. Nk. 2); 1 Caldwell Tote: 58.20, 52.10, 52.50, 53.80 DF, 535.10 Tno. 5218.80 (part won. pool of 5238.04 carred lorward to 3.10 Sandown Park today). CSF, 549.01.

4.00 (2m 35yd) 1, Arian Spirit (T Williams, 4-1 (k-fav), 2, Highfield Fizz (10-1); 3, Batabanoo (9-1) Hasta La Vista 4-1 (k-fav, 11 ran, Nit, Nit, J Eyre, Tote: £4.00, £1.50, £3.60, £1.80 DF £26.40 Trio; £80.60, CSF, £40 79, Tricast; £314.58

transhire bi Lancashre 22-13; Northum-berland bi Darbyshre 23-13. Final-Notthighamshre bi Northumberland 22-15. Cambridge Chestarton: Semi-finals: Suf-folk bi Northamptonshire 23-15; Hunting-drosekhe hit Langasterphic 27-21. Empt-

CANOFING

WAUSAU, Wisconsin: World Cup mara-thon: Merr. K1: 1, E de Nijs. (Holl) 2tr 32mm 54sec; 2, G Mawer (Ire) 2,32:54, 3, D de Linde (Holl) 2:33:03, 5, C Hohrers (GB) 2:33:15; 6, S Baker (GB) 2:33:22; T Brabents (GB) off C1: 1, L Durlibac (F) 3:09-30, 2, H Maggrol (Fr) 3:09-40; 3, J Sersmak (Can) 3:20.57 Women: K2: 1, D Stechorska and S Skaficka (C2) 2:46-46, 2, A Thorogood and H Brough (G2), 2:46-51, 3, J Fletcher and C Janke (Can), 3:10-12. 3, J Fletcher and C Janke (Carl) 3 to 12. WORCESTER: National macathon championships: Men: K1: 1. J Burler (Notingham); 2, D Back (Notingham); 3, D Backey (Leastie); K2: 1, J Block and J Burler (Notingham); 2, R Williams and E Cox (Wey); 3, J Floss and S Hyrds (Embindge); Worner: K1: 1, T Devey (Richmond); 2, H Giby (Embindge); K2: 1, T Davey (Richmond) and S Bepty (Reading); 2, A Andrews and S Kealing (Notingham); 3, L Hastly (Fladbury) and L Cheyne (Leighton Buzzard).

CRICKET AON RISK TROPHY (one day): Lianaritic Wordestershire 205 (W P C Weslon 66): Glamorgan 202-7 (s P Buncher 64, 8 M Morgan 4-46): Wordestershire won by lour nuns: Bristot Gioucestershire 292-7 (b Hewron 108); Wordestershire 137, IK P

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (first day of lour): Tauraon: Warwickshire 296 (A Singh 74, W G Khan 69: M E Trescothick 4-41); Somerset 36-1 The Oval; Surrey 337-5 (D J

FOR THE RECORD

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP (1)nal day of two): Southill Park: Lincolnships 220-8 and 252 (D.A. Christmas 57 not out, A.R. Roberts 5-69, Z.A. Sher 4-74); Bedford-shire 226-2 and 249-6 (N.A. Stanley 87, D.J. shre 226-2 and 249-6 (N A Starley 87. D J M Mercer 55 not out) Bedtondshire with by lour wickels. Redderth: Norfolk 227-3 and 267-3 (S C Goldsmith 82. C Arnos 70. T J Boon 66 not out). Heritordshire 207-7 and 233 (M R Evans 72 not out, S N White 4-65). Norfolk with by 54 nns. Tynemouth: Northumberland (69 and 57 (C M Whybom 6-33, Apox Alvhler 4-20). Cambridgeshire 205-9 and 23-1 Cambridgeshire with by nne wickets. Osineshy: Stropshire 259-5 and 303-6 (M R Davies 80.) I R Payine 64, Apři Dn 58); Wales, 249-5 and 152-9 (D J Bovielt 4-55, G J Byrain 4-72). Match drawn Marthodrough CC: Witshire 259-4 and 200 (S M Perint 63: A C H Seymour 5-99) Cornwell 189 and 205-9 (Seymour 5-99) Cornwell 189 and 205-9 (Seymour 63) Match drawn LORD's: MCC 214-6 dec (A G Lawson 95)

63) Match drawn LORD'S: MCC 214-6 dec (A G Lawson 95): MCC Schools 215-5 (L M Hilton 60 not out) MCC Schools won by five wickets

FENCING

CAPE TOWN: World championships: Men: Epée: Second round; V Zulkov (Est) tx I Treveto (Cuba) 15-11. P Kolobkov (Russ) bi J François Di marino (Fri 15-11; A Beketov (Russ) bi G Imre (Hurri 15-13; Xu Xuaring (Chris) bi V Zaidrarov (Bela) 15-14. A Mazzoni (Rei) bi V A Maly (Ubr) 12-11 B Kurouski (Pol) bi M Rivas (Col) 15-13. R Liroux (Fr) bi O Kayes (Austra) 15-12; Kovecs (Hurr) bi D Nowocielalu (Can) 15-14; N Loyola (Cuba) bi V Ptechenium

(Beta) 15-11; S Cuomo (It) bt S Shabaline (Kaz) 15-11. Lee Sang-Kee (5 Kor) bt A Rota (It) 15-14. R Andrzejuk (Pol) bt A Fekete (Hun) 15-14; Ku Kyo-Dong (5 Kor) bt Y Plychevska (Ulio) 15-9; H Obry (Fi) bt B Carvaho (Por) 15-5 V Zaihratevich (Russ) bt 7 Coulai (C2) 15-11; E Sneck (Fi) bt C Morch (Non) 15-11 Third round; Kolobkov bt Zukov 15-10; Xu bt Beketov 15-14; Mazzon bt Kurowski 15-11; Lerour bt Kovacs 15-13, Lovola bt Cumo 15-14; Mazzon bt Kurowski 15-11; Lerour bt Kovacs 15-13, Lovola bt Cumo 15-14; Sneck bt Zaihraevech 15-11 Quarterfinels; Kolobkov bt Xu 15-6; Leroux bt Mazzon 15-12; (Pol) bt Lovola 15-13. Srede bt Orby 15-8 Women: Folt First round (solected results); O Charlova (Russ) bt F Michiesh (GB) 15-10. T Savichenko (Ukr) bt L Stractan (GB) 15-14; G Schel (Ger) bt Hams (GB) 15-10. T Savichenko (Ukr) bt L Stractan (GB) 15-14; G Schel (Ger) bt Hams (GB) 15-10. T Savichenko (Ukr) bt L Stractan (GB) 15-14; G Schel (Ger) bt Marchan (Huss) 15-14. I Mincza (Hun) bt A Wuilleme (Fi) 15-14. M Weber (Ger) bt M Berkassova (Kaz) 15-3; E Grichina (Russ) bt R Kong (Ger) 15-13; C Magnan (Fi) bt R Scarler (Rom) 15-5; L Bades (Rom) bt V Sitchenko (Bela) 15-12. B Szebo Lazar (Rom) bt C Couz (Fr) 15-5; A Mohammer (Hum) bt S Gruchela (Pol) 15-5.

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Szebo-Lazar (Rom) bi C Cours (Fr) 15-6, A Mohammed (Hum) bi S Ginchala (Po) 15-2, Xiao Ahua (China) bi M kobyashi (Japan) 15-9, S Bau (Ger) bi Savichenko 15-6, A Rybicha (Po) bi Schel 15-6 V Vezzali ili) bi A Chayon (Isi) 15-8 Third round: Trifan bi Charkova 15-9, Janos bi Manca: 15-14; Weber bi Grichna 15-10, Badoa bi Magnan 15-9, Banchotti bi Gabrielli 5-7, Mohammed bi Szabo-Lazar 15-14, Bau bi Xea 15-11, Rybicka bi Vezali 5-1, Badoa 6, Courten 6 (Son 15-11) Rybicka bi Vezali 6-2, Courten 6 (Son 15-11) Rybicka bi Vezali

PREMIER LEAGUE: Exeter 61 Newport (9) Reading 61 Stoke 29 **TENNIS FOOTBALL**

DAVIS CUP: American zone: Group one play-off: Ecuedor lead Argentina 3-1 STUTTGART: Men's tournament: First numd: G Blanco (Spi bi H Aras filkor) 7-5; F Clavet (Spi bi H Aras filkor) 7-5; F-Cavet (Spi bi H Gustatsson (Swe) 6-3 1-6, 6-1, h Nucera (Sovaha ti bi Nieter (Ger) 1-2; ret, A Pontas (Spa) bi C Ruud (Nort 5-7, 6-0, 7-6, M Larsson (Swe) bi D Elsner (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, F Melegent (Br) bi A Radiulescu (Ger) 6-3, 6-4, F Melegent (Br) bi A Norman (Swe) 6-3, 7-6 Second round: G Rusetten (Br) bi J Inrapposibild (Gen) 6-7, 6-4, 6-4, A Conetja (Spi bi M Solmer (Ger) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4, 6-6, 6-4).

LFA PRESIDENT'S CUP: Final: Bottom-ans 1 Shebourte 0 OTHER MATCHES: Bray Wanderers 0 Swindon 2: Dulwich Hamlel 0 Futham 1, St Patrick's Athletic 1 Huddersfield 0; Water-lord 1 Dartington 3 ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Deportivo Espa-ñol û Platense 0

RUGBY LEAGUE AUSTRALASIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Can-berra Raiders 4 Brisbane Broncos 19

SAILING

BT GLOBAL CHALLENGE: Shith leg (Boston to Southampton) Latest positions (with miles to Southampton, as at 14 26GMT yesserday) 1, Group 4 84 2 Carbon 118 20 Toshiba Wave Warnor 103, 3 Concert 118 1. Seve the Children 181, 5. Commercial

SPEEDWAY ELITE LEAGUE: Wolvertrampion 49 Ran (st) 6-7, 7-5 8-4, F Witters (FMOI) SI M Mirms (Beisel 7-6, 7-6, D Wheston (US) DIR Jabelt (Br) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 M Hilpert (Gert) bit R Cordish (US) 2-6 6-3, 6-2; B Shetton (US) bit A IJM (US) 7-6 6-3, D Scala (III) bit P McEmore (US) 6-1 4-6, 7-5 R Schuttler (Gert) bit J Gemetstod (US) 6-3, 6-3; S Campbell (US) bit S Sargsran (Arm) 6-4, 6-3 D Flach (US) bit C Carafti (II) 6-2, 6-2 PAL FFMOI Witters is surmament. First

PALERMO: Women's tournament: First round: S Cecchini (III) bi M J Gardano (Arg) 6-4, 6-2

KEENE on CHESS

By RAYMOND KEENE By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sarah Teshome, one half of the reserve pair for the British Ladies team for the European Championship, made a couple of smart moves on this hand. It is from the final of the Crockfords Cup. currently the fourth most important of the domestic events.

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In the tournament game it is usual to play a change of suit by opener as forcing after the responder has replied at the two level. If North had rebid Two Diamonds over Two Clubs, North-South might have arrive at the superior contract of Five Clubs.

West led the queen of hearts, on his methods denying a good heart holding. East played the two, and now Teshome in a near hopeless contract made the good play of the ten. That might have persuaded East to continue hearts if his initial holding

had been say KQx. However, West switched to a spade, the jack was played from dummy, and East won and played another heart. On this Teshome played the jack.

West what was going on -East could hardly have the ace of hearts, having discouraged on the first round and continued with a low one on the second round. However, he played a third round of hearts and now Teshome could cash two more hearts before playing the queen of clubs. West mistakenly covered that, but even if he had played low declarer would have made the contract - after a second club she plays on spades, and eventually emerges with three tricks in spades, three in hearts, one in diamonds and

It should have been clear to

two in clubs. ☐ Robert Sheeban writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

The Times. Last week I published the best game, today's fine strategic effort in which White first establishes positional dominance, and then bcdefgh beats off Black's desperate attack, was the runner up. Those wishing to enter next White: Richard Pert

Black: Joseph O'Conor Times Schools, July 1997 French Defence

Prize Game

Each year I am called on to

judge the best game prizes in the British Schools Chess

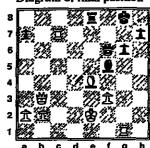
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3 Nd2 4 e5 5 Bd3 6 c3 7 Ne2 16 Rc1 18 13 25 Ke2 26 Be4 27 Cxd5-Be6 Diagram of final position ZEZO.

How to Enter

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

AERONOMY

a. A chocolate dessert b. The third book of the Apocrypha c. Science of the upper atmosphere

SCHUPPANZIGH a. A Hungarian supermarket MOOCHA a. A surfeit b. A loincloth

YOUNG'S MODULUS

a. A physical parameter

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Timman — Nijboer. Holland 1997. This position demonstrates that even the strongest players can occasionally make elementary mistakes. Timman has just advanced his knight to d5, to support his c7-pawn. What has he



Free business phone calls.

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(9-2), 6 ran 1 %1, 81, Mrs J Ramsden, Tota: 62 10; £1 30, £2 10, DF: £3 80 CSF: £5 63 4.15 (1m 3f 198yd) 1. DOUBLE EIGHT (D Holland, 5-2); 2. Cheek To Cheek (f. Cuirn, 5-1); 3. Lootingforarainbow (N Day, 6-4 tan), ALSO RAN; 7-2 Blush (4th), 25 Magazine Gep (5th) 5 ran. NR: Snow Carnival 234, 134, 8, dst. B Hills at Lamboum Tole £2.40, £1.80, £2.00. DF: £5.30, CSF £13.54.

ES:30 CSF C13.54.

4.45 [68 209yd] 1, BARBASON (Candy Morris, 4-1 (Hav): 2, Stand Tell (G Duffield, 9-1); 3, Octavin Hill (C Lowther, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 4-1 g-law Mr Cube, 6 Balance Or Power (I), 8 Sharp Imp (5th), 12 Crystal Heights, 14 Multi Franchise (4th), Oxfoare, Psed Denn (Bh), 16 Dent Menace, 20 Fen Ol Vent-Axia, Shitting Time, 25 Dwine Miss-F, 33 Coastiguards Hero 15 ran, 14, sh hot, 41, 141, 24, G1, Moore at Brighton, Tota, 24 90; CL80, C3.70, C3 60, DF 205 80 Thro 2773.50, CSF; C39.08 Tricast, C330.32, After a stewards Impliry, result stood

Placepot 5228.30. Quadpot \$49.40. Beverley Going: good to im 2.00 (1m 100yd) 1, High Spirits (T E Ducan, 6-1); 2, Sharp Deed (9-1); 3, Gipsy Princess (9-2 #-lav), Star Turn 9-2 #-lav 14 ran, Isi, 13il T Easterby, Tote: 67-90; 62-80, 63-30, 61-80, DF 584-00, Trio: 554-80, CSF 53-93, Tricast 5256-37

2.30 (7 100vd) 1, Causion (J Fortune, 10-11 favi; 2, Bollero (5-1); 3, Skyers Flyer

4.30 (5f) 1. Young Ben (G Parkin, 33-1); 2. Remyholme (16-1); 3. Stolen Kiss (6-1); 4. Superhills (25-1); Ned's Bonanza 5-2 lav 20 ran, Nk. 1%; J. Wainweight Tote: ESS.70; £10 80; £4 40; £1.50; £10 50; DF-pt50 80; Tric: £1.594 20 (parl won, pool of £988 19 carried forward to 3.10 Sandown Park today). CSF: £491 41. Tricest: £3,314.17 5.00 (51) 1, Lets Be Fair (E Johnson, Evens favj: 2, Cumbrian Cadet (100-90); 3, Half A Knicker (12-1), 10 ran, 9, 113, Harson, Tota, 52.00, 10, 51 70, 52.10. DF 23.90. Tho \$11.20. CSF: \$4.03.

Jackpot not won (pool of \$6,349.42 carried forward to Sandown Park today). Placepot: £589.80.

Quadpot £614.10.

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SPORTS SERVICE RACING

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Monday's late details Windsor

Going: good to firm GS0 (1m 3 135yd) 1, Nubile (D Holland, 11-8 tayl, 2, Le Grand Gousier (9-21: 3, Running Free (33-1): 10 ran Hd. 1-L B Hills Tole 52,80, 51,20, 52,10, 53,50 DF 9450, Tno. 635-80 CSF 26,34. 7.00 (5) 217/d) 1. Miss Zašonic (Pat Eddary, 7-2 (Hay), 2, Dode (8-1); 3, Jay Geo (26-1) Sada 7-2 (Hay 21 ran, NR Cutz Show, 3-1, 39-1 R Hannon, Tote \$4.10, £1.90, £2.50, £7.00 DF: £12.80 Thor £274.60 CSF £27.09

8.00 (im 67yd) 1. Comanche Companion (Pat Eddery, 9-1); 2. Fancy Design (16-1), 3. Calamander (15-2). 4. First Chance (12-1) Queen's Insignia 5-1 fav. 17 ran 1 lsl, 11 T Naughton, Tote £10 80, 22-50, £3:50 £1:70, £2:70 DF: £153.40 Tno: 2566 10 CSF: £128.81. Tricast £1.077.15.

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Wolverhampton Going: good to firm (good in places)

7.45 (2m 4) 110yd hdfe) 1, Wilkins (M A Fitzgerald, 5-1), 2, llennn (7-1), 3, Reach For Glory (7-1) Our Renking 6-4 tay, 7 ran 4), 111 R O'Sultwar Toler 58 40, 52 40, 52 20 DF 517 20 CSF 520 27. 8.15 (2m hdie) 1, Tengo Man (A P McCoy. 7-2), 2, Bigwheel Bill (Evens Iaw), 3, Fly To The End (11-1), 4 ran. 71, 241, 3 O Shea Tota £2.90 DF £2.00 CSF: £5.58.

, Suverio (11-8): 4 mm. 13ul, 14i. . 5. Tone £1 60 DF £2:30 CSF Placepot 288.50. Quadoot £48.10.

7.30 (1m 2/17yd) 1. Sir Talbot (J Cunn. 5-1): 2, Future Periect (6-1): 3. The Dietramb (5-1) Yalta 11-4 lav. 9 ran NR 8/10 n The Side, 1/H, 3/1. R Hannon Toter £6.10: £1.80, £1.90, £2.10 DF: £23 10. Trio. £41.90, CSF. £34 18 Tricast, £148.29.

C11 36 9.00 (51 10ycl) 1. Tommy Tempest IS Sanders, 9-1): 2. Dancing Mystery (10-1) 3, Nelie North (11-1). 4. Mindrace (8-1) Pobo Magic 11-2 (24. 16 ran. NR Impy Fox. NI, Ind. R. Pescock. Tote. E14.10: 12-70, (2:50, 2:28). 23.00. DF: £119.50 Tho. £417.20 CSF: £56.24 Tricast. £346.48

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6.45 (2m if 110yd ch) 1, Ordog Mor (A P McCoy, 1-4 lay); 2, itsgonnashme (16-1), 3, Mrss Souler (12-1), 6 ran, NR: Woodlands Energy Dist, 41 M Meagher, Tote: £1.20 £1.20, £2.40, DF: £4.50, CSF: £5.08 7.15 (3m 11 ch) 1, Final Pride (R Johnson, 1.5 tan); 2, Walls Courl (11-1); 3, Temple Gerth (10-1) 4 (an. 6), dest. P Bowen, Tote; 91 10 DF 92/20 CSF 92/94

8.45 (2m hotel 1, Chocolete Ice (M A Ritopead 2-1): 2, Nashazi (11-8 fav): 3, Araboyluli (13-2) 11 ian NR Summer Wila. 41, 31-R O'Sullivan Tole: 12-30, 11-10. 11.10, 14.90 (DF: 63-10, Trior 63-40, CSF: £4-82. 9.15 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Red Light (A P McCov. Evens lav), 2, Fame And Fantasy

> b. An Austrian violinist c. A skiing manoeuvre

b. A juniors' housemaster

overlooked?

Golf? Is that a dirty word in !Kung?

old game. Sport is every person's holiday from rationality. We take capricious likes and dislikes to an athlete. a team, an occasion, a sport: and then we are prepared to defend our caprice to the

Who reads the sports pages all the way through? Not a soul. Everybody with a taste for the sporting life has a favourite sport. Most have a good few others to which they are sympathetic, and everybody has a sport or two that they simply cannot stand.

Horse racing is, perhaps, the clearest example. For most people, racing is either the game of games, or something to which they are, at best, utterly indifferent. Now, as the sporting world braces itself for the Open Championship, the annual four-day festival of golf, I am brought face-to-face with my own sporting

I am not narrow-minded about sport, but I am happy eager - to make an exception of golf. I am happy to watch. write about, revel in many sports that are treated with utter contempt. I love gymnastics and ice skating, and I think that dressage is close to being the game of games.

I have even watched and enjoyed such obviously daft sports as rhythmic gymnastics or competitive rock-climbing. Nor do I insist on physical exertion as a defining principle of sport: I am prepared to admire the skills of top performers in snooker, or the cold nerve of the champions in darts; or the lust for conquest in the chess master.

But golf? No, the red mists descend. In certain moods I will make out a logical case for denying golf the status of a true sport but, in my heart, I know it is nothing but blind prejudice. I could write as an environmentalist, and of the obscene herbicidal green of its myriad courses, the airport lounges of landcape architecture. I could claim that no activity in which men wear black watch tartan trousers is worthy of a serious person's

SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

But the simple truth is that golf gets right up my nose and that is the beginning and the end of the matter.

I have written on every sport in the calendar, including sailing, which I do not understand, stage-race cycling. Grewrestling and weightlifting. In the past 12 months, I have used, accurately, (show-off!) such terms as kovacs, piaffe and quadruple toe. But to write of birdie and bogey would stick in the port

People have said to me: "Oh. go to such-and-such, watch soand-so, and then you will understand." So I walked a while with John Daly at St Andrews. Big chap. Small ball. Whack! And all around me people gasped. It was as if they were warching the Pope. It was like being told a dirty joke in the language of the !Kung Bushmen. Golf? I just

I used to feel that way about Formula One. I used to giggle when people said things like: "My God! Mansell's smoking!" But then I met Nelson Piquet, who was charming and wicked and hilarious and cunning and fast. And I met Ayrton Senna who was, as he himself once put it, Senna.

And if I think that Formula One is a sport that has lost its way, I understand it as the most sensually involving of all sports and its summit as the dwelling-place of rare men. As the Tour de France

France, I find a strange compulsion to watch it. I don't really get the hang of it all: but the lone breakaways and baying massed pursuits fire the imagination like a quartercomprehended poem.

But golf? A man hits a little ball: and I scoff. So what? I say, contemptuously. As if there were anything intrinsically sensible about watching men kick a bladder into a net, anything especially wise about biffing a couple of bits of wood off three little sticks.

I write about sport and my specialist subject is not 44-2 or forehands and backhands or reverse swing; still less is it the kovacs, the piaffe and the quad toe. It is people in competition. The form of the competition is a secondary consideration. So I always say: but golf? No, I am sorry, but it really can't be done. All the same, to like any sport at all is to dwell in a glasshouse.

Moral: either all sports are silly, or none is. There is no room for manoeuvre between

Painful path to fulfilment

The Day That Changed My Life BBC2, 7.30pm

Being stabbed 35 times by a paranoid schizophrenic would change anybody's life, though for Julie Chimes the long-term effect was as much spiritual as emotional or physical. At the time of the attack, in March 1986, she had a high-powered job in advertising which gave her a superfictally glamorous lifestyle but little time to think beyond the job. But as she fought for her life she had a beyond-body experience which convinced her that there was a bigger picture. She was fortunate in marrying a man sympathetic to her need to give up her career and start again. The couple moved abroad and settled in Spain where she paints, writes, makes furniture and has discovered to leave the career she realise even the unexpected talent as a singer. She tells even the most harrowing part of her story with an honesty that shirks nothing.

Wildlife Showcase BBC2, 8.30pm

It seems no part of the former Yugoslavia can escape its violent past, even in a wildlife film. But central to this report from the river Soca in central to this report from the river Soca in Slovenia is a story not of the recent conflict but of a bloody encounter during the First World War. In 1915, the valley through which the Soca runs became one of the war's bloodiest battlefields. Exhausted and hungry troops were forced to take what food they could and the Soca's fish stocks were devastated. The giant marble trout, one of the glories of the river, came close to extinction. The film shows how Jose Ocvirk, a local fish biologist, saved the species by breeding it in captivity and follows the trout's continuing battle for survival against such non-human predators as snakes, otters and brown bears.

My Uncle Freddie

Radio 4, 2.00pm

Cowboy Monty Roberts (BBC1, 10.00pm)

huge ego and enjoys publicity. Yes, his activities have landed him in acrimony, even with natural allies such as the World Jewish Congress. His tactics have not always been clever. But for a Polish Jew who spent four years in Nazi concentration camps his passion is understandable and it has been mostly well directed. Saskia Baron's film carefully trases out Wiesenthal's role in the capture of Adolf Echmann and explains his refusal to join the condemnation of Kurt Waldheim's alleged Nazi past.

QED: Monty Roberts, A Real Horse Whisperer BBC1, 10.00pm

A lot of people have been killed trying to break mustangs, we are told, so Monty Roberts is putting himself on the line. We met Roberts in a previous QED film. He is the Californian cowboy who tames wild horses not by the usual means of trussing them up in ropes but by talking to them. He can get unbroken horses to accept a saddle and rider within 30 minutes. But the mustang, a specially wild and dangerous animal, is something else. The key to Roberts's method is to interpret a horse's body language and mimic it to gain trust. else. The key to Roberts's metrod is to interpret a horse's body language and mimic it to gain trust. John Groom's film takes us to the Californian desert for the confrontation. The early skirmishes are discouraging. But a man who has tarned not only horses, but more than 40 delinquent children using similar methods, is not going to give up easily.

Any work described by the critics as "adventurous"

is unlikely to be aimed at those whose musical listening does not encompass anything written in the past 150 years. Blood on the Floor by Mark Anthony-Turnage was in fact first heard in London last spring and this is its first broadcast performance. The title comes from the painting by Engreis Bacon and the work itself attempts to every

Francis Bacon and the work itself attempts to explore drug addiction and the tense, violent atmosphere of the inner city, but if this suggests that

Blood on the Floor is entirely hard-edged that
would be quite the wrong impression: there are
also tender and emotional passages. The work is
performed by Ensemble Modern, plus soloists who

include the guitarist John Scoffeld. Peter Barnard

BBC2, 9.00pm

For the first time, this series deals with a subject who is still living and able to reply to criticisms made of him. Reputations is in the business of reassessing public figures and often succeeds in revising them downwards. But Wiesenthal, for half a century the obsessive pursuer of Nazi war criminals, comes out largely intact. Yes, he has a

RADIO CHOICE

Blood on the Floor

Radio 3, 7.30pm

This new three-part series offers more evidence that Radio 4 is indeed broadening its geographical base so as to introduce a greater variety of voices. Not that the network has ever been slow to plunder the regions for good work but I sense that more of it is being encouraged now than was the case a few years ago. My Uncle Freddie evokes Tyneside in the 1930s and is about the relationship between a child, Lecky, and Uncle Freddie, a hero to Lecky and a weaver of wonderful tales. These stories become woven into the fabric of Lecky's otherwise dismal environment in Jarrow. In the first story Lecky and Uncle Freddie, played by Gareth Brown and Shaun Prendergast, are out fishing when they save the Prince of Wales from drowning.

RADIO 1

7.00em Kevin Greening 9.00 Simon Meyo 11.30 Radio 1 Roadshow 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Jo Whitey 3.00 Mary Arm Hobbs 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Evening Session 8.30 Global Update 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Claire Sturgess 1.00em Charlie Jordan 4.00 Clive Warren

RADIO 2

6,00am Sarah Kennedy 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce11.30 Jimmy Young 1,30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Nick Berractough 8.00 Raiph McTell 9.00 Flarmence Oele 9.30 Half Sketch, Half Biscuit 10,60 Steve Whight Picture Show 10.30 Richard Allinson 12.05em Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE 5.00am Moming Reports 6.00 The Breaklast Programme 9.00

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Trackmarks. A lour-part history of athletics with Steve Cram
8,00 The World of The Open Preview Tory Adamson
reports from Troon 9,00 Edra Time with Mark Steel 10,00
News Talk 11,00 News Edra with Valerie Senderson 12,00 Alter Hours 2.00am Up All Night

TALK RADIO

5.00am Chris Ashley and Sendy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Anna Raebum 9.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

WORLD SERVICE

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CLASSIC FM

4.00em Mark Griffiths 5.00 Alan Marty 9.00 Henry Kelly 1.00pps Classic Concerto Haydin (Fiumpet Concerto in E Sat major); Vaughan Williams (Suite for Viola and Orchestra) 3.00 Jamie Crick 7.00 Classic Newsright 7.30 Sonata. Bach (Cello (L.) Sonata No 1 in G major) 8.00 Classic Evening Concert. Wagner (Overture Tamhéusean); Strauss (Ein Helderheben); Khachatu-rian (Procession, Death of the Gladiator, Call to Arms, from Spartacus); Britten (Suite: King Arthur) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00pp. Cressic Concerto M 1.00mm Classic Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

7.00am Nick Abbot 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nacky Home 6.00 Paul Coyle (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, includes Vividit (Viola d'Amore Concerto in D. RV392);
Delius (Overture: Over the Hills and Far Away)
9.00 Morning Collection, with Panny Gore. Includes
Massenat (Suite No 3, Scènes Dramatiques);
Ravel (Jeux d'Eau); Mozzit (Violin Concerto No 5
in A, K219, Turkish)

Havel (Jeux d'Eaut); Mozart (Violan Concerto No 5 in A, K219, Turkish)

10.00 Promis Composer of the Weels: Beethowen

11.00 Chettenham Festival. Live from the Pittville Pump' Room. Nash Ensemble. Mozart (Florr Quintet in Elat. K407); Lennox Berkeley (Sonetina for flute and pieno); Colin Matthews (Elegiac Chaconne)

11.45 Doodling. Some arch-doodlers ponder the errent line, with original musical doodles by Steven Faux 12.05 Concert, part two. Brahms (Clarinet Quintet in B minor, Op 115)

1.00pm News; Volces at the Wigmore Hall. In the last of the series, lain Burnicle introduces Monica Groop, soprano, and Rudolf Jansen, plano. Schubert (Fischerweise; An Silvia; Schäfers Klagefled; Die Märiner sind Mechant; Der Musensohn); Ravel (Chants Populatres, selection); Brahms (Des Liebsten Schwur, Op 69 No 4; Wie Melodien zieht es, Op 105 No 1; Immer Leiser Wird mein Schlummer, Op 105 No 2; Auf dem Kirchberfo. On 105 No 4; Streetherfo. On 105 No 15 No 16 No. Wird mein Schlummer, Op 105 No 2; Auf dem Kirchhofe, Op 105 No 4; Standchen, Op 106 No

Kirchhofe, Op 105 No 4; Standchen, Op 106 No 1; Acht Zigeunerfieder, Op 103)

2.00 Midweek Choice, with Susan Sharpe, Includes Sibelius (The Tempest Suite No 2); Chopin (Bercause in D flat, Op 57)

4.00 Choral Evensong, Live from Salisbury Cathedral 5.00 Music Machime, Tommy Pearson investigates the music behind a coronation ceremony 5.15 in Turse, with Anthony Burton, Includes J.C. Bach (Symphony in D, Op 18 No 4); Aare Merikanto (Pan); Brahms (Alto Fihapsody)

6.00 Rush Hour Concert. From the Wigmore Hall.
London. Palledian Ensemble: Parneta Thorby,
recorder, Rachel Podger, violin, Susanne Heimich,
viola da gamba, William Carter, theorbo-guiter.
Blow (Sonata in A): Vitali (Chaconne. Op 7 No 3):
Anon (A New Tune, Playford's New Dancing
Master): Farinel (La Folia, The Division Flute);
Locke (Broken Consort Suite No 6 in D);
Christopher Simpson (Divisions in D, The Division
Viol); Nicola Mattiels (Suite, Ayres for the Violin)
7.00 Coektalls. Includes the bands of Geraldo,
Ambrose and Sid Philitips and the voices of Bing
Crosby and Hoagy Carmichael
7.30 Blood on the Floor (Sounding the Century).
The composer Mark-Anthory Turrage introduces
the work in conversation with David Setton.
Performed by John Scofield, guitar, Peter Ensirie,
drums, Martin Robertson, saxophone, Ensemble
Modem under Peter Hunder, See Choice
8.50 Role Play, Michael Billington talks to the
actresses Eleanor Bron and Juliet Stevenson
about playing the Duchess of Malif. (3/5)
9.15 From Italy to Portugal. Carole Cerasi plays
some Baroque rartites on historic harpsichords
from the Finchooks collection
10.00 Ensemble. Penny Gore introduces a recital by the
Sorrel Quartet. Shostalovich (String Quartet No 7);
Mozart (String Quartet in C, K465, Dissonance)
10.45 Right Warses. Humphrey Carpenter considers a
biography of Louis Armstrong as unique meterial
by the trumpeter becomes available
11.30 Componers of the Weelc Early Spanish Music

6.00 Rush Hour Concert. From the Wigmore Hall,

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Cheshire Wives. The second of three-programmes focusing on the richest people outside London.

11.30 Composers of the Week: Early Spanish Music:
12.30em Jezz Notes. Digby Fairweather introduces the first of two excerpts of the concert featuring Stacey Kent and the Jim Tornifrson Culmitet.
1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod.

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5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 in the Psychiatrist's Chair. Professor Anthony Clare interviews the violinist Nigel Kennedy (r) 9.45 Better than Sex: Timberlake Wertenbaser remembers fire o chock in the effertoco (3/4)

remembers five o clock in the atternoon (3/4)

10.00 News; A Good Read, Diane Abbott, MP, and the actor Bill Nighy discuss their favourite paperbacks10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15 On This Day (LW)

10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jerni Muray

11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Eric Robson, Bob Powerdew, Pippa Greenwood and Arme Swithinbank (r)

Bob Flowerdew, Pippa Greenwood and Prine Swithinbank (r)

12.00 News; You and Yours, with Lesley Ricidoch

12.25pm North East of Eden. The perultimate part of Peter Kerny's cornedy. With Joan Sims and Rebecca Front 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One 2.40 The Archers (r)

2.00 News; My Uncle Freddle, by Alex Ferguson See Chairs

2.45 Countdown, Richard Leonard, an Australian Jesuit priest, gives his view of life in the 20th century (3/10)

2.00 The Attention Shift, with Daire Brehan
4.05 Kaleldoscope. Paul Gambaccini returns to the
Bronx in New York where he developed his love

tor all kinds of music and the chema

4.45 Short Story: The Accursed House, by Emile
Gaboriau. Read by Alistair McGowan

5.00 PM, with Nigel Wrench 5.50 Shipping Forecast

5.55 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of British. The knowledge quiz (r)

7.20 Cheshtre Witves. The second of threeprogrammes locusing on the richest people
outside London
7.50 Witnessing History. In December 1971 Laurence
Olivier starred in Eupene O'Neil's Long Day's
Journey Into Night. The production director and
members of the audience and cast remember this
momentous theatrical occasion (f)
8.20 Return of the Normad. Tim Whewell visits
Kazaldristan to find out whether the breek-up of
the Soviet Union has meant a return to their
colourful way of life:
9.00 Catalyst. What with all the column inches devoted
to animal organ transplents and cloned sheep,
Ouentin Cooper ponders how far scientists are
prepared to go in pushing evolution along (5/5)
9.30 Kateldoscope (f) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Riotin Lustig
10.45 Book at Beditine: Capitain Coreffice Mandolin,
by Louis de Bernières. Abridged by Alison Joseph
and read by Robert Powell (8/15)
11.00 Dry Stopes. A new cornedy series written by and
starring Nick Bali. The tale of Emma, a woman
who has decided to jack it all in and move to
Mauritus. With Louisa Rix and Robert Harley
11.30 And I Am the Gueen of Shebs. Ken Livingstone.
MP, chairs the panel game about lies, cheatingand deceit. With quests Rebecca Front. Jeremy MP, chairs the panel game about lies, cheating-and deceit. With guests Rebecca Front, Jeremy Hardy, Fred Macaulley and Jim Sweeney (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament (LW). A roundup of the day's events in Westminster

12.00 News 12.30sm The Late Book: The White Boy Shuffle, Written by Paul Beatly and read by Ray Shell (3/10)

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12,48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service

GOLF: WOODS DRAWN TO PLAY WITH LANGER AND ELKINGTON IN OPENING ROUNDS

Tiger could be late for his tea

By MEL WEBB

IN ANY professional golf tournament, and particularly in the major championships. players and spectators alike are left under no misapprehension as to who are the stars and who the extras.

in spite of half-hearted protestations to the contrary, the draw is not, strictly speaking. what it is claimed to be. It does not have the out-of-a-hat. straight-as-a-die, pot-luck style of an FA Cup draw, for instance. The aristocracy of the game rarely play along-side the humble tillers of soil. especially in the first two rounds, and both gentry and proletariat know it. A draw, at least in the literal sense, it

It is, rather, a gentle, harmless and totally understandable swindle; if the books are not exactly cooked, they are at



the very least lightly roasted. Thus, with the announcement of the order of play for the first two rounds of the Open Championship yesterday, there was not even a sniff of a surprise. It was ever thus and

ever will be. The players who are the chosen elite really could not care less with whom they are picked to play. They are not afraid of anybody, they know that on their day they can beat anybody, so why should they mind who is standing alongside them on the tee?

Their playing partners are matters of supreme indifference to them, but they do care about other things, the first and most important of which is what time they will be called upon to strike their first shots. By and large, they prefer that

their tee-times will allow them to be finished by teatime. Most of the great and the good, therefore, will have been reasonably happy with their start times at this 126th Open

Championship. Some big names do go out in the afternoon tomorrow and, unless his father saves him some. the biggest name of the lot will probably miss the Earl Grey and the smoked salmon sandwiches. At least he will get back in the hutch in plenty of time for tiffin on Friday. Tiger Woods leaves the first

tee in his first Open as a professional at 1.05pm in the company of two other major championship winners, Steve Elkington and Bernhard Langer. Having admitted that tee-times were important, he greeted the draw with equanimity. "I've got a pretty good pairing," he said. "I'm playing with two friends of mine they are both real nice guys and fun to talk to."

The three-ball setting forth at 8.35am will provide an intriguing study, containing as it does Colin Montgomerie and Mark McNulty, men who can putt for gold, and another, Tom Watson, who, these days, cannot putt for toffee. "It's a good draw," Montgomerie said. "I don't want to be sitting round all day waiting to play, and I've got two players with me who are both capable of challenging for the title. It

couldn't be better." The earliest start given to a member of the golfing nobility, at 8.15am, goes to Greg Norman, who plays with Lee Westwood, considered by Montgomerie to be Europe's best player under 30, and Steve Stricker, of the United States. Westwood is a confident young chap who has the priceless gift of being completely underwhelmed by even

the most exalted of parmers. Tom Lehman, the defending champion, plays with Miguel Angel Martin, the little Spaniard who will be competing against Lehman in the Ryder Cup in September, and Vijay Singh, of Fiji, at 1.25pm.



Faldo follows the flight of an iron shot during his practice round at Troon yesterday

TEE-OFF TIMES FOR THE OPENING TWO ROUNDS

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45 AERONOMY (c) The science of the upper atmospheric region where dissociation and ionisation are important. It is the science of the atmosphere from about 30 km to its outer limit.

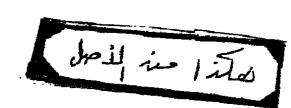
SCHUPPANZHIG When Beethoven entrusted to his old friend "Fat Scuppanzhig" the premiere of Beethoven re Op 127, the first of the late quartets, he extracted a promise from all four players a pledge to do their best. The premiere proved a fiasco. Poor Scuppanzhig protested that "he could easily master the technical difficulties but it was hard to arrive at the spirit of the work: the cusemble was faulty, because of this fact and too few rehearsals."

YOUNG'S MODULUS (a) A constant indicating the amount of a physical effect and that of the force producing it. In particular, Young's modulus of elasticity is the quantity by means of which the extension or contraction of a bar of a given material, and the amount of tension or pressure causing it, may be stated in terms of each

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An enjoyable drive, but who was steering? Diease excuse me, while I take a sledgehammer to dent a They, too, then do a lot of filming, rejecting anything that doesn't fit very inoffensive little nut. It's the original thesis and keeping ev-Driving School (BBCI), you see, erything that does. This is subit's still worrying me. Yes, yes jective film-making and strikes very funny, huge ratings and wasn't it wonderful last night most documentary-makers as

powerful. The third approach, however, is the one favoured by Driving School. This involves the filmmaker choosing a subject and then deciding that - hang it, life's too short for either one or two. I'm going to tell them all what to do and, if they don't look out, what to say, too. This, to be technical, is known as makey-uppy film-making — great fun when the subject is learning to drive, but worrying for

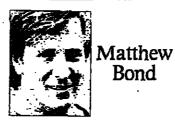
anything more heavyweight,
Just how much of Driving School was staged for the carneras was difficult to tell, because Francesca Joseph, the director, had chosen her cast with exquisite care. But the number of times not one but two perfectly focused, wobble-

free cameras just happened to be there when something happened, suggested quite a lot,

They were there when Maureen, taking time-off from quoting Thomas the Tank-Engine in the police urinals, was having a little cry in the Lada...just as one her former instructors drove past. They were there in church when Maureen's husband just happened to ask her devout instructor whether he ever prayed for pupils before a test. They were there when Danny, recently dumped by Gillian from Preston, decided that his love life had to go on. Alas, the poor lad will never know whether the new object of his affections agreed to go out because she fancied him or because she fancied being on television. Yes, the cameras were there for that, too.

But, whatever I think of the technique, the result was wonder-

REVIEW



ful television. The only thing I never understood was why all those police drivers were in it. Had they escaped from somebody else's documentary?

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By contrast, Tool Stories (Channel 4) made a decidedly disappointing debut, resembling not so much an example of method one, two or three but more a case of somebody either losing their nerve or changing their mind. It was a promising - a professional builder visits alleged DIY experts and shows them how to do the job properly. It sounded confrontational and fun. On the screen, however, it looked like a fly-on-theplasterboard series about DIY bores which hadn't really worked. so somebody had roped in George Herbert, master builder, to see if

that helped. It might have, if better editing had allowed George to be in three places at once, but it didn't. As a result, his sole contribution last night was showing an inexperienced couple how to lay quarry tiles on a perfectly level floor. Not even a master builder could pretend that it was difficult and to be fair he didn't, which may have been honest but made for very dull television.

Over on Channel 5 (now there's a phrase you don't see very often)
Plastic Fantastic continued, with a popular variation of documentary method two: tell your interviewees one thing and then make a film that is exactly the opposite. As a result, all sorts of slightly tightfaced women lined up to wax lyrical about the benefits of plastic surgery, while extended footage of the surgery itself eloquently put the argument against.

That this programme is doing this side of the watershed, I have no idea — perhaps children are more resilient than television critics when it comes to watching faces being peeled off and tugged up into the hairline. But what was really awful about this particular episode was that we had to see all the blood and yukky yellow stuff twice. "Because Sue is a nurse we let

her view footage of her surgery." announced Louise Lombard's unnaturally calm narration. Sue may be a nurse but she seemed to feel watched in part two what we had seen in part one. "I hadn't really appreciated the extent of the incision." she said weakly: "I feel as if I could faint." The film was directed by Douglas Churnside, which at least brought a smile to my by now rather pale face.

Finally, William Shatner turned out to be just about the only person I had heard of as Channel 4's new but definitely familiar science fiction quiz, Space Cadets got off the ground with two teams of alleged sci-fi celebrities and definitely not enough in the way of introductions from Greg Proops, the chairman. Interestingly, Shatner had clearly refused to wear the Star Trek-style uniforms that the rest of them were wearing, but energetically joined in what passed for fun as everybody worked far too hard to get jokes out of old film clips. It was humour, Jim, and definitely as we

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when Maureen grabbed her exam-

mer by the ears to kiss him when

she finally passed at the eighth attempt. But is it — and here comes

the sledgehammer — the future of

a documentary. The first is how

most of us imagine they are made. A film-maker chooses his or her

subject and in the process of

filming it, discovers what it's all

about and what a lot of people

think about it. This is objective

film-making and strikes most of us

The second way involves the

film-maker choosing a subject and

deciding what they want to say

before they shoot a single frame.

There are three ways of making

documentary-making?

as honest.

6.00am Business Breakfast (57061). 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (72055) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (?) (3491158) 9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (r) (1815264)

9.50 Kilroy (1) (5587332) 10.30 Who'll Do the Pudding? (36451) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7905210) 11.05 Due South A restaurateur's son is

kidnapped by gangsters (r) (1) (7756662) 11.50 Good Neighbours (2095993) 12.00 News (T) and weather (8556603) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (6233351) 12.35 Neighbours (T) (8818210) 1.00 News (T) and weather (75142) 1.30 Regional News (42493581)

1.40 Perry Mason: The Case of the Reckless Romeo (1993) An actress is accused of murdering a tellishow host. With Barbara Hale and Geraldo Rivera. Directed by Christian I Nyby II (T)

3.10 Quincy (9460332) 4.00 Popeye (r) (7934974) 4.10 The Thunderlizards (7930158) 4.20 Morph TV

with Tony Hart (4179055) 4.35 Prince of Atlantis (T) (8965500) 5.00 Newsround (1) (1018968) 5.10 Bright Sparks (1) (4056001) 5.35 Neighbours (1) (1) (956245)

6.00 News (T) and weather (871) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (351):

7.00 Animal Hospital Revisited The fast of the series returns to Whipsnade Zoo for an update on Sparky the deer and the giraffe born in front of the cameras. Plus the arthritic elephant and the vulture which couldn't fly (T) (6158)

7.30 Hot Gadgets A new electric toothbrosh, a voice-activated CD changer, an eye-operated carncorder and a phone which can help out in the kitchen (T) (535)

8.00 The National Lottery Live Boyzone Join Carol Smille (T) (452245) 8.15 Selection Box: Porridge Celebrity fans discuss the popular comedy (248516)

9.00 News (1) regional news and weather (6993) 9.29 National Lottery Update

(793210) 9.30 Men Behaving Badiy Tony develops a sudden interest in astrology (48239) QED: Monty Roberts — A Real Horse Whisperer

Californian cowboy Monty Roberts has a remarkable gift for taming horses (T) 10.50 The X Files: Die Hand Die Verletzt. Scully and Mulder uncover evidence of black manic, sexual abuse and demonic secrifice at the local high school (r) (1)

11.35 Smith and Jones Mel and Griff rehash the opening credits to Goldlinger (r) (T)

12.05am The Night They Radded Minsky's (1968) Britt Edand plays an Amish girl who defies her strict religion and domineering tather to become romantically involved with a buriesque perionner Also with Jason Roberds. Directed by William Friedkin (556543) 1.40 Weather (2323765)

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6.00am Open University: History of Maths: Non-Euclidean Geometry (7088332) 6.25 Design for People (7981239) 6.50 Clinical Trials (6278993)

7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (6930448) 7.30 The Moomins (7059806) 7.55 Activ-8 (7) (6690158) 8.20 Christopher Crocodile (3390784) 8.25 Johnson and Friends (3483054) 8.35 The Record (2427968) 9.00 Cartoon (5820852) 9.10 The Phil Silvers Show (1720142) 9.35 Great Mysteries and Myths of the 20th Century (2408784) 10.00 Teletubbies (32993)

10.30 Saint Joan (1957) with Jean Seberg,
Anton Weibrook, Richard Widmark, John
Gleigud and Richard Todd. George
Bernard Shaw's play, adapted for the big
screen by Graham Greene, directed by Otto Preminger (94939326)

12.20pm A-Z of Food (8558061) 12.30 Working Lunch (20245) 1.00 Joshua Jorges (25195351) 1.10 Vaquero: The Unlorgotten Cowboy (95905149) 1.40 Blockbusters (59409784) 2.05 Australia Wild (62095264) 2.35 Menus and Music (1831239) 2.50 News (T) (1687326) 2.55 Westminster with Nick Ross (5496581) 3.55 News (T) (2457332) 4.00 The Patsy (1964) Slapstick cornedy.

directed by and starring Jerry Lewis (97647061) 5.40 The Flying Vets (251087) 6.00 Star Treic The Next Generation (r) (T)

nal Golf: The Open Preview of this year's tournament (843784)

The Day That Changed My Life: Stranger in Paradise (1/6) (1) (177) 8.00 One Foot in the Past The discute over the future of an old cinema in Devon; exploring the remains of London's River Fleet, and Raine, Comtesse de Chambrin, tours Cheltenham (3448)

Wildlife Showcase The Soca river in Slovenia which is · . home to the giant marble trout (T) (9055)



Simon Wiesenthal (9.00pm)

Reputations: Simon Wiesenthal — the Man Who Hunted Nazis A profile of the dedicated Nazi hunter (T) (1177)

10.00 Steptoe and Son (r) (94332) 10.28 Talking Tate (663513) 10.30 Newsnight (201887)

11.15 Gaytime TV The guests include Ned Sherrin and Chastity Bono, the daughter of Sonny and Cher (536245) 11.55 Weather (315142)

12.00 The Midnight Hour (33291) 12.30am Learning Zone: OU: Chemistry 1.06 Chemistry 1.30 Chemistry 2.00 Star Gazing (77456) 4.00 English Heritage (36524) 4.30 Unicel in the Classroom (35814) 5.00 Basic Skills (13104) 5.30 Voluntary Matters (34920)

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6.00am GMTV (5975644) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (r) (1) (1809603) 9.55 Judge Judy (4512332) 10.20 News (T) (8314429)

10.25 Regional News (T) (8233500) 10.30 How to Murder a Milfionaire (1990) with Joan Rivers, Alex Rocco and Morgan
Joan Rivers, Alex Rocco and Morgan
Fairchild Comedy about a paranoid
Beverly Hills housewile's attempts to
avoid her murderous husband Directed
by Paul Schneider (94926852)

12.20 Regional News (T) (8552887) 12.30 News (T) and weather (8917535)

12.55 Shortland Street (8829326) 1.24 HTV Crimestoppers (83/728/1) 1.25 Home and Away (1) (37524871) 1.50 Look and Cook (r) (59589974) 2.20 Shartered Promises (r) (T) (5719142) 3.20 News (T) (1025332)

3.30 Tots TV (r) (4331177) 3.40 Gigglish Allsons (r) (1542500) 3.50 Cartoon Time (2452887) 3.55 Oscar and Friends (r) (2451158) 4.00 The Animal Shelf (4257887) 4.15 Chatterhappy Ponies (T) (7851697) 4.25 Art Attack (4250974) 4.45 Behind The Lost World (T) (8956852) 5.10 Yan Can Cook: The Best of China (r)

5.40 News (T) and weather (122351) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (973448) 6.25 HTV Weather (859429) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (719)

7.00 Emmerdate Emma has a tense confrontation with Gerl's father (T) (8326)



Amanda Barrie as Alma (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street Alma finds herself in the public eye (T) (603)

8.00 Inspector Morse: The Ghost in the Machine When valuable erotic paintings are stolen from a stately home, Morse and Lewis find themselves delving into the minds and morals of the aristocracy (r) (T) Followed by the National Lottery result (6055)

10.00 News (T) and weather (98158) 10.30 Regional News (487993) 10.40 Gayle's World Brenda Gilhooly's guests include "It" girls, Doreen from Common Cabs and the Gossips (T) (685500)

11.10 Live at Jongleurs with Mark Hurst, Ricky Grover and Russell Peters (T) (742852) 11.40 New York News (993516)

12.35am Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (3898369)

1.00 A Father's Revenge (1987) with Brian Dennehy, Joanna Cassidy and Helen Patton. A father is distraught when he arns his air stewardess daughter is being held by a group of terrorists. Directed by John Herzfeld (492123)

2.45 The Big Match Replayed (4993388) 3.30 Customs Classified (r) (8204475) 4.15 Cool Vibes (52771949) 4.30 Time, the Place (r) (22340) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (51730) 5.30 News

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5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1735535) 6.25-7.00 Central News (231245) 11.40 A Better Future (522210)

12.10 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (5276123) 12.40 Film: Murder in High Places (377123) 2.25 Bonkers (8324098) 3.25 The Chart Show (4429098)

5.20 Asian Eye (9384456) WESTCOUNTRY

4.15 Central Jobfinder '97 (6982630)

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11.40 Weekly World News (522210) 12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents

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11.50 Seers and Clowns Animation (2088603)

12.00 House to House Political magazine

12.30pm Blue Wilderness: Turning Turtle (r) (T) (42413) 1.00 Moving People (r) (T) (68852) 1.30 Australia Wild (r) (T) (59405968) 1.55 Racing from Sandown Park The 2.05, 2.35, 3.10 (Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy) and 3.40 races (65845968)

3.50 Fifteen-to-One Grand Final (1) (6362055) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8966239) 4.55 Ricki Lake (r) (T) (2982622) 5.30 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (968)



Denise van Outen (6.00pm)

6.00 Snap! A new showbiz magazine presented by Denise van Outen teaturing a concert performance by Gary Barlow (1/8) (T) (581)

6.30 Tour de France The 192km stage from "Vidorra to Peroignon (531)

7.00 Channel 4 News (T) (735806) 7.50 York Early Music Festival Songs from the Ebor Singers (760516)

8.00 Brookside Jimmy has plans for the trouble for Carmel and Sinbad. Office turns. to Eleanor for help with Bel's demands (T)

8.30 Guilty Conscience (1985) with Anthony
Hopkins, Blythe Danner and Swoosie
Kurtz. A made-for-television drama about
a man who has the tables turned on him by his wife and mistress. Directed by David Greene (79424719)

10.20 Space Cadets Sci-fi quiz (r) (T) (967968) 10.50 Blue Murder The conclusion of the Australian crime drama begun last night 12.45am The Third Secret (1964, b/w) A

thriller with Stephen Boyd as a man investigating the suspicious death of a prominent psychiatrist Directed by Charles Crichton (826814) 2.40 Travels with My Camera: No

through the Horn of Africa on the trail of the 19th-century poet and gunrunner. Arthur Rimbaud (T) (4678982) 3.40 Home Away from Home (r) (T) (14284098)

3.50 J'Adore: Sir Donald Wolfit (r) (T) 4.20 J'Accuse: Leonardo (r) (T) (1192340)

4.55 Tour de France (r) (22806949) 5.20 Backdate (r) (T) (5005398)

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6.00am 5 News Earty (9390784)

7.30 Havakazoo (7126871) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol Last in series (7023968) 8.30 WideWorld. Focusing on Indian communities who are attempting to break the cycle of poverty (7022239)

9.00 Espresso (3896429) 10.00 Exclusive! (r) (5702239) 10.30 Fights of Fancy (r) (7108603)

11.00 Leeza (6757719) 11.50 Double Espresso (19508177) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (T) (7026055) 12.30pm Family Alfairs (r) (T) (4690413)

1.00 5 News Update (T) (57768069) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (8633500) 2.00 5's Company (6613055)

3.30 Human Feelings (1979) with Nancy Walker, Billy Crystal and Pamela Sue Martin. Cornedy about an angel sent to earth to find sox clean-living individuals in Las Vegas in a week. Directed by Ernest Pintof (1132500)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (68756413) 5.30 100 Per Cent (7536993) 6.00 Move on Up (T) (7533806)

6.30 Family Affairs Holly is concerned that David is taking their relationship too seriously (T) (7524158) 7.00 Exclusive! Julia Bradbury takes a look behind the scenes at the hospitality suite of a top London hotel (6710697)

7.30 Close Encounters A look at the symbiotic relationships between a man and his dog, an antelope and an oxpecker, and a weaver bird and a wasp

8.00 Instant Gardens William van Hage sets to work on another garden. This week's task involves transforming an Edinburg garden into a stimulating area for a tamily with five children (6892245)

8.30 5 News (T) (6708852)



Rebecca De Morriay stars (9.00pm)

9.00 Getting Out (1993) with Rebecca De Mornay, Ellen Burstyn and Robert Knepper Emotive grama about a mother's battle to be reunited with her baby. Directed by John Forty (59235429) 10.40 Not the Jack Docherty Show (1339264)

11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H (9.707603) 12.25am Live and Dangerous Baseball action from the major league (13241123) 4.40 The Streets of San Francisco (6050475)

(755254) 7.05 Winner Takes All (896332) 7.40 Give Us A Clue (600535) 8.20 All Clued Up (742245) 9.00 Through the keynole (819309) 9.35 Sale of the Century (978429) 10.10 Treasure Hunt (362697) 11.20 Studis (189974) 12.00 Winner Takes All (64123) 12.30mm Hart 10 Hart 199201 1.30 Sweet Justice (41765) 2.30 Alman Stees (21253) 3.00 My Two Dads (70455) 2.30 Bio Brother Jake (45633) 4.00 The Fall

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WEDNESDAY JULY 16 1997

Scotland's champion ideally prepared to fulfil great expectations at Troon

Montgomerie feels right at home

GOLF CORRESPONDENT

YEARS ago in the Ayrshire town of Troon, a little boy would come out of a sturdy flat-fronted house on South Beach, the road nearest the Firth of Clyde, and turn left to walk the children's course at Royal Troon Golf Club. Golf was not the only passion of our chubby sporting hero. Later, he would mature into an attacking batsman and a fast bowler at cricket and a goalkicker with a powerful boot on the rugby field.

The land on which our prodigy took his first golfing swipes is at present covered by enough tentage to house an army on the eve of a medieval battle. The little boy, though, remembers it clearly enough to bring a smile to his face. "We had great fun there,"



Tee-off times Simon Barnes

"Me, my brother, my parents, too. They have flattened it to provide land for the tented village. In those days I used to walk to the course. I couldn't get lost. It was only 150 yards

Tomorrow, Montgomerie sets out on an adventure every bit as great as those he took all those years ago. Europe's No l player for the past four years, and ranked fourth in the world, behind Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Greg Norman. starts the 126th Open Championship in the most relaxed frame of mind and with his form as good as it could possibly be. Two victories in Europe and a second place in the US Open in the past eight weeks indicate that his game has reached a level he has rely, if ever, reached before

TIIMES

Montgomerie, smiling and relaxed yesterday, believes he has never had a better chance of success than in this Open Championship. Photograph: Marc Aspland

and maintained it for longer than he dared hope. Thus, the ultimate prize of victory in the Open awaits where his father has been secretary for 11 years and will remain so until retiring at the

end of next month. "Since I heard seven years ago that the Open was coming here in

cerned for me." Yet, to hoist the oldest prize TWO

1997, this is the major championship i have been looking forward to," Montgomerie said. This, to me, is home, this is where my family are, where my wife is from and where my father lives and works. This is it as far as major championships are con-

in professional golf above his head on Sunday evening, and perhaps to say "wow!" as Tom Lehman did so expressively last year, will require Montgomerie to put behind him a dismal record in recent Open championships. Four times in the past five years. Montgomerie has failed to progress beyond the first two rounds. It has become one of golf's debating points: why can't Montgomerie do better in the Open?

placed Black, that best high-lighted the panel's hasty decision. "I could not believe it

when I got the letter in the post

this morning." Baulch said.

The sensible path to take,

after the apparently inconclu-sive evidence of the British

trials in Birmingham on Sun-

day, was to wait and see how

Black performed in Hechtel,

Belgium, this Saturday. Iwan

Thomas and Mark Richard-

son, first and second at the

trials, were guaranteed selec-

tion, but the third place was

left to the selectors' discretion.

Baulch was third in the trial,

but recorded an unexceptional

Black missed the race, ex-

cusing himself after suffering

a viral infection, but was

prepared, with an extra week's

training, to reveal his form in

Hechtel. However. Malcolm

Arnold, the British Athletic

Federation (BAF) performance

director and one of six selec-

tors, said yesterday: "The se-

lection committee felt they

could resolve it yesterday on

So Black, less than two

the evidence before them."

Small wonder.

ments immediately before the Open has not helped his swing. Yet there is a suspicion that Montgomerie needs the reference points of an inland course, such as those on which the US Open is played and on which he has done so well, rather than the barren, usually treeless landscape of an

Open course. There is no secret that I know my way around here and obviously I am feeling quite confident about performing better than I have in the past." Montgomerie said. "I have got to go out there and prove myself. I am OK physically and I am OK mentally. The question is: 'Can I cope with the pressure? The shots I have been hitting have been good. I am playing the best golf of my career. I am hitting

are quite accurate and I am putting very well right now. "That is the secret. You can't score what I have been scoring recently without holing putts You know that out of a field of 150 someone is going to putt very well. Not just for one day, but for four days and that someone is going to be someone in the top ten in the world.

I have got to make sure it's me and not somebody else." As Montgomerie spoke, clouds as grey as battleships had taken up station over-head. Rain fell from time to time in sudden, vicious showers. The wind had swung from the northwest to the southwest and suddenly the best sort of Open weather was arriving as if on cue.

In this grey town, Montgomerie's name is on everyone's lips - not only because of his associations with Troon.

"He is playing awfully well right now," Tiger Woods said. "He has an amazing record in major championships. It is just a matter of time before he breaks through and wins one. He is knocking on the door in

practically every one." Nick Price said: "I think Monty is going to play well. He didn't peak last week as he sometimes does."

Steve Elkington, who beat Montgomerie in the play-off for the 1995 US PGA chamoionship, was another who favoured the Scot's chances. *Everyone over on our side of the Atlantic has considerable respect for Colin's play." Elkington, who sent Montgomerie a fax of commiseration after beating him in Los Angeles two years ago, said. "He has great talent. His time

selected by England at youth team level•

Hollioake

BEN HOLLIOAKE, who has captured public imagination like no teenage cricketer for a generation, bringing growing demands for his inclusion at Test level, must instead return to the nursery slopes of the next representative honours.

Hollioake was named yes erday in a 13-strong England Under-19 party to take on Zimbabwe next month. Significantly, however, the selection applies only to the two one-day internationals a Southampton and Hove that begin the programme, leav-ing open the possibility that Hollioake will be released

Surrey, his county, believe strongly that both Hollioake and Alex Tudor, the fast bowler, have outgrown age-group cricket and are better served playing in the county

Similar claims have been made on behalf of Owais Shah, by Middlesex, and David Sales, by Northamp-tonshire. Both are also included in a squad, which ought to be too good for a country whose own agegroup structure is still its ifancy. The team is to be led! by Andrew Flintoff, of Lancashire, and ten of the chosen group have already played at first-class level.

The view of at least one senior England selector, Mike Gatting, is at variance with that of Micky Stewart, director of excellence for the Eng-land and Wales Cricket Board, a strong believer in the agreed policy that age-group sides must always be fa-

Hollioake alone of those in be involved with the senior England side on overseas tours this winter. While it is important for the stature of under-19 cricket that this talis, man appears in a series, his he is playing well than when cause, and that of the England team, cannot be furthered by keeping him there. UNDER-19 SQUAD: A Filmedif (Lancs, capt), O Sheh (Middx), S Peters (Essex), D Sales (Northants), B Hollicotae (Surrey), D Nash (Middx), Z Morris (Yorks), G Batty (Yorks), A Tudor (Surrey), P Franks (Notts), D Coster (Clarn), C Read (Gloucs), R Sidebottom (Yorks)

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Montgomerie believes that it straight off the tee, my irons "That booing at the US Black reacts furiously to his world championships snub BY DAVID POWELL

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ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT the Great Britain men's team captain and within a year of ROGER BLACK yesterday winning two silver medals at the Atlanta Olympic Games. turned on the Great Britain athletics selectors who denied in which he was Britain's most him a place in the 400 metres successful athlete, was uncereat the world championships in moniously dumped. When the Athens next month, but it was team was announced vesteran off-guard comment by day, Black was named only for Jamie Baulch, who has dis-

the 4 x 400 metres relay. Black, who led the building of a solid wall of industrial relations between the British Athletes' Association and the BAF, began to pick-axe the bricks yesterday. Not one of the selectors had the common courtesy to pick up the phone and inform me of their decision," Black said. "I had to find out for myself. I find that absolutely staggering. "I feel they have not shown a

shred of decency. I am very angry. It is bad man-manage-



Black: angry

to me, as an Olympic silver medal-winner and team captain, it could happen to anybody. I would not take a place from Jamie if I did not think I could do better than he could. He is running OK, but he has not broken 45 seconds this year, which I did 12 times last

Although Phil Green, the team manager and a selector. said that he had spoken with Mike Whittingham, Black's coach, on Monday and asked whether he should ring the athlete, to be told "don't bother", Whittingham denied that. However. David Cropper, the chairman of selectors, should have taken it upon himself to inform Black immediately, bypassing Whittingham.

Black said he would not now go to Hechtel. "What is the point?" he said. He plans to take his place in the relay team, but will be an uncomfortable captaincy for him as, in his manager and chief coach, he has to work closely with two of the selectors who

voted against him. It was a unanimous decision to select Baulch, the British indoor record-holder. Given Black's poor form this season he won at the European Cup, but has not run quicker than 45.63sec - it must be doubtful that he would have run fast in Hechtel.

Arnold insisted that selectors had stuck to the selection policy that highlighted that

current form will be an important selection criterion". He also made an absurd suggestion that he would ask the International Amateur Athletic Federation for an invitation for Black to run the 400 metres in Athens along the lines of those issued to all defending world champions.

Baulch, at 24, may have his best years ahead of him but. compared with Britain's newlook sprints squad, he is something of a veteran. Without Linford Christie on the team for an international championship for the first time in 13 years, Britain's main sprinters now are not long out of their teens. Ian Mackie, Darren Campbell and Marlon Devonish, chosen for the 100 metres, average 22 years of age. In the 200 metres -- 13 years after the last British team for a global championships was named without John Regis - Doug Walker, Owusu Dako and Julian Golding. average age 23, are

None can be expected to make a final, but at least Britain will be represented. which is more than can be said for the 10,000 metres. Such is the paucity of talent that, once Jon Brown and Liz McColgan had made up their minds not to seek selection and Rob Denmark had opted for the 5,000 metres, there was nobody left worth picking.

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